

success criteria. For those success criteria that are intended to measure the effectiveness of the processes, and that generally do not have a quantifiable performance measure, the PPEP will serve as an "expert panel" to review the results and evaluate how well the success criteria were met. At the end of the pilot program, the PPEP members will provide an evaluation as to whether each of the success criteria have been met. This report will include both the consensus view of the panel, along with the dissenting views of any of the panel members. The staff will use the PPEP evaluation to determine the need for any additional process development or improvements prior to full implementation.

The Panel membership will include participants from NRC headquarters and regional management, a representative from the Nuclear Energy Institute, pilot plant licensee management representatives, a representative from the Union of Concerned Scientists (a public interest group), and a representative from the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety.

The establishment of the Panel is effective on June 30, 1999 with the filing of its charter with the Commission and with the standing committees of Congress having legislative jurisdiction over the NRC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-245]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al., Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1; Notice of Receipt and Availability for Comment of Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is in receipt of and is making available for public comment, the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 (Millstone Unit 1), located in Waterford, Connecticut.

Millstone Unit 1 has been shut down since November 4, 1995, and the reactor

has been defueled since November 19, 1995. By letter dated July 21, 1998, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) certified to the Commission that power operations at Millstone Unit 1 had been permanently ceased and fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor vessel. By letter dated June 14, 1999, the licensee submitted its PSDAR to the Commission in accordance with the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.82.

In the PSDAR, the licensee has identified the planned decommissioning activities and schedule for the Millstone Unit 1 facility, provided an estimate of expected costs, and discussed the reasons for concluding that the environmental impacts associated with site-specific decommissioning activities are bounded by the appropriate previously issued environmental impact statements. The licensee has chosen to decontaminate and dismantle selected portions of the facility and leave other portions in a safe storage status until decommissioning programs are developed for Unit 2 and Unit 3. The licensee stated, however, that it is conceivable that upon further evaluation, it may be preferable to decontaminate and dismantle Unit 1 without placing portions of the facility in safe storage. The licensee is also evaluating the feasibility of constructing an independent spent fuel storage facility on site until the fuel can be permanently transferred offsite to a Department of Energy facility.

The PSDAR is available for public inspection at the Commission's public document room located at The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and at the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut. The NRC has also placed the PSDAR on the Internet at [<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/ms1061499.htm>] (cover letter) and [<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/1061499a.htm>] (attached report).

The Commission will schedule a public meeting in the vicinity of the Millstone Unit 1 facility to solicit public comments on the Millstone Unit 1 PSDAR. A notice will be placed in the **Federal Register** and in the local media announcing the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

Comments regarding the Millstone Unit 1 PSDAR should be submitted in writing to Mr. Louis L. Wheeler, Senior Project Manager, Mail Stop O11 D-19,

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, within 30 days after the date of this notice.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th of June 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Louis L. Wheeler,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Byron Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed amendments would delete license conditions which have been satisfied, revise others to delete parts which are no longer applicable or to revise references, and make editorial changes.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated March 14, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The NRC, as part of the original licensing process or subsequent licensing actions, may impose certain conditions on the license. The conditions are listed as part of an attachment to the license. In many cases, these conditions require certain actions by the licensee which, once completed, are no longer applicable. In order to simplify the licenses for Byron, Units 1 and 2, the licensee has proposed to delete license conditions which have been satisfied, revise others to delete parts which are no longer applicable or to revise references, and make editorial changes.

Description of the Proposed Change

The licensee proposed to modify Unit 1 license condition 2.C.(1), "Maximum Power Level," to delete references to Attachment 1 to the Unit 1 operating