

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology (1148).

Date/Time: April 5-7, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: NSF, Room 380, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-open.

Contact Persons: Dr. Zoe Eppley and Dr. Kim Williams, Program Directors, Ecological & Evolutionary Physiology, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1421.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Agenda: Open Session: April 5th, 2000, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—discussion on research trends, opportunities and assessment procedures in Integrative Biology and Neuroscience with Dr. James L. Edwards, Deputy Assistant Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Closed Session: April 5th, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; April 6th, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 7th, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate the Ecological & Evolutionary Physiology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Receipt of Application for Renewal of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 for an Additional Twenty-Year Period

On March 1, 2000, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission received, by

letter dated February 29, 2000, an application from Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., filed pursuant to Section 104(b) and 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR part 54, for renewal of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5, which authorizes the applicant to operate Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Hatch 1 and 2), for an additional 20-year period. The current operating licenses for Hatch 1 and 2 expire on August 6, 2014, and June 13, 2018, respectively. Hatch 1 and 2 are boiling-water reactors designed by General Electric and are located in Appling County, Georgia. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing and other matters, including an opportunity to request a hearing, will be the subject of a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, and on the NRC website at www.nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this the third day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Christopher I. Grimes,

Chief, License Renewal and Standardization Branch, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-313]

Entergy Operations, Inc., Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process

Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) has submitted an application for renewal of operating license DPR-51 for an additional 20 years of operation at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1). ANO-1 is located in Pope County, Arkansas. The application for renewal was submitted by letter dated January 31, 2000, pursuant to 10 CFR part 54. A notice of receipt of application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2000 (65 FR 7074). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for renewal of the facility operating license was published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2000 (65 FR 11609). The

purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement in support of the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in 10 CFR 51.29.

In accordance with 10 CFR 54.23 and 10 CFR 51.53(c), Entergy submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51 and is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20003-1527. In addition, the Pendergraft Library, located at Arkansas Tech University, 305 West Q Street, Russellville, AR 72801, has agreed to make the ER available for public inspection.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the Commission's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437) in support of the review of the application for renewal of the ANO-1 operating license for an additional 20 years. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. 10 CFR 51.95 requires that the NRC prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations found in 10 CFR part 51.

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft supplement to the GEIS for public comment. Participation in this scoping process by members of the public and local, State, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS will be used to accomplish the following:

a. Define the proposed action which is to be the subject of the supplement to the GEIS.

b. Determine the scope of the supplement to the GEIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth.

c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant.

d. Identify any environmental assessments and other environmental impact statements (EISs) that are being or will be prepared that are related to

but are not part of the scope of the supplement to the GEIS being considered.

e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action.

f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule.

g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.

h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in the scoping process:

a. The applicant, Entergy Operations, Inc.

b. Any person who intends to petition for leave to intervene.

c. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved, or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

d. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

e. Any affected Indian tribe.

f. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned **Federal Register** notice of acceptance for docketing. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold a public meeting for the ANO-1 license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Russellville, Arkansas, on Tuesday, April 4, 2000. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview

portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) an overview by the NRC staff of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview by Entergy of the proposed action, ANO-1 license renewal, and the environmental impacts as outlined in the ER; and (3) the opportunity for interested Government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting Mr. Thomas J. Kenyon by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 1120, or by Internet to the NRC at anoeis@nrc.gov no later than March 27, 2000. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kenyon's attention no later than March 27, 2000, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the environmental scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mailstop T-6 D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by May 9, 2000. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at anoeis@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than May 9, 2000, to be considered in the scoping process and will be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will

send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and a separate public meeting. Copies will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the supplement to the GEIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Kenyon at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Scott F. Newberry,

Acting Director, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Workshop Concerning the Revision of the Oversight Program for Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NRC will hold a public workshop at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), 1776 I Street, NW (Republic Place), in Washington, DC to provide the public, those regulated by the NRC, and other stakeholders, with information about and an opportunity to provide views on how NRC plans to revise its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This workshop follows the recent public stakeholder workshop held in Rockville, Maryland on February 22-23, 2000. Presentations and other documents provided at each workshop, together with a transcript of each workshop, are placed on the NRC INTERNET web page (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Similar to the revision of the oversight program for commercial nuclear power plants, NRC initiated an effort to improve its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This is described in SECY-99-188 titled, "EVALUATION AND PROPOSED REVISION OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL