

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-008]

Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC; Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna ESP Site

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has extended the public comment period on Supplement 1 to NUREG-1811, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna ESP Site" (SDEIS). The site is located near the Town of Mineral in Louisa County, Virginia, on the southern shore of Lake Anna.

On July 12, 2006, the NRC issued a Notice of Availability (71 FR 39372) of the SDEIS and on July 14, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issue a Notice of Filing (71 FR 40096) of the SDEIS. The public comment period on the SDEIS was to have ended on August 28, 2006. Multiple requests for an extension to the comment period were received by the NRC. Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 51.73, the comment period has been extended by 15 days to September 12, 2006.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the comment period was extended to September 12, 2006. The SDEIS is available for public inspection and comment in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS Accession No. ML061800217), and on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room or PERR). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. In addition, the Louisa County Library, located at 881 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia, has agreed to make the SDEIS available for public inspection.

As indicated in **Federal Register** notice 71 FR 39372, the NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the SDEIS and to accept public comments on the SDEIS. The

public meeting will be held in the Forum at the Louisa County Middle School, 1009 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia on Tuesday, August 15, 2006. The meeting will convene at 7 p.m. and will continue until 10 p.m., as necessary. The meeting will be transcribed and will include: (1) A presentation of the contents of the SDEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions 1 hour before the start of the meeting at the Louisa County Middle School. No formal comments on the SDEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing.

Any interested party may submit comments by September 12, 2006, on this report for consideration by the NRC staff. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Members of the public may send written comments on the SDEIS for the North Anna ESP to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments may also be delivered to Room T-6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. during Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at North_Anna_comments@nrc.gov. To assist the NRC staff in identifying and considering issues and concerns, comments on the supplement to the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft supplement. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through the NRC's PERR link at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

For Further Information Contact: Mr. Jack Cushing, Senior Environmental Project Manager, at telephone number 301-415-1424, or by mail at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Jack Cushing, Mail Stop 0-11F1, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of August 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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[Docket No. 50-285]

Omaha Public Power District; Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.46 and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, for Facility Operating License No. DPR-40, issued to Omaha Public Power District (OPPD, the licensee), for operation of the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1 (Fort Calhoun Station), located in Washington County, Nebraska. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would allow the Fort Calhoun Station to use M5 an advanced alloy fuel cladding material for pressurized-water reactors (PWRs).

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated August 11, 2005, as revised by letter dated November 8, 2005, and as supplemented by letter dated April 12, 2006.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed so that OPPD can use M5 an advanced alloy for fuel rod cladding and other assembly structural components at the Fort Calhoun Station. Section 50.46 and Part 50 of 10 CFR, Appendix K, make no provisions for use of fuel rods clad in a material other than zircaloy or ZIRLO. Since the chemical composition of the M5 alloy differs from the specifications for zircaloy or ZIRLO, a plant-specific exemption is required to allow the use of the M5 alloy as a cladding material or in other assembly structural components at the Fort Calhoun Station.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The underlying purposes of 10 CFR 50.46 and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, are to ensure that facilities have