NEPA implementing regulations require an early and open process for determining the scope of an EIS and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. Accordingly, NNPP invites Federal agencies; Tribal, State, and local governments; and the general public to comment on the scope of the planned EIS including identification of reasonable alternatives and specific issues that should be addressed. NNPP will hold three public scoping meetings to provide information on the Spent Nuclear Fuel Handling and Examination Recapitalization Projects and to solicit public concerns and comments. Dates, times, and locations for these meetings are as follows:

August 24, 2010
6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls, ID 83404.

August 25, 2010
6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Red Lion, 1555 Pocatello Creek Road, Pocatello, ID 83201.

August 26, 2010
6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Canyon Springs Red Lion, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Persons unable to attend these meetings may view meeting information by visiting the NNPP Web site http://www.ecfrecapitalization.us. NNPP will provide additional notification of the meeting times and locations through newspaper advertisements and other appropriate media.

At each scoping meeting, NNPP plans to hold an open house for the first hour prior to beginning the formal portion of the meeting to allow participants to register to provide oral comments and view informational materials. The registration table will have an oral comment registration form as well as a sign-up sheet for those who do not wish to give oral comments but who would like to be included on the mailing list to receive either printed or electronic information about the project in the future. The public may provide written and/or oral comments at the scoping meetings.

All public comments received during the scoping meetings, as well as those submitted as described above, will be considered during the development of the EIS.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 12, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and object, as appropriate, to Title V operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of the EPA review period to object to a Title V operating permit if EPA has not done so.

A petition must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise issues during the comment period, or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

On June 25, 2009, EPA received a petition from the Sierra Club requesting that EPA object to the Title V operating permit for JP Pulliam. The Petitioner alleged that the permit is not in compliance with the requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Petitioner alleged that: (1) The permit omits more stringent applicable particulate matter (PM) emission limits for certain boilers because the units are: (a) Subject to the lower limits established in a preconstruction permit issued on October 15, 2008, and/or (b) subject to a State Implementation Plan provision providing for a lower PM limit for units modified after April 1972 because these units were modified in the late 1980s; (2) the permit omits the maximum hourly heat input limits that are applicable because they were contained in a preconstruction permit application submitted by the permittee and relied upon by WDNR to issue a New Source Review synthetic minor permit; and (3) the permit’s PM monitoring for the boilers and PM and visible emissions monitoring for certain material handling sources are deficient.

On June 28, 2010, the Administrator issued an order granting the JP Pulliam petition. The Order explains the reasons behind EPA’s conclusion.

Date: July 9, 2010.

Susan Hedman,
Regional Administrator, Region 5.