

that the proposed exemption from the implementation of the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix G, Section IV.A.2 would not significantly affect plant safety and would not have a significant adverse effect on the probability of occurrence of an accident.

The proposed action would not result in any increased radiological hazards beyond those previously evaluated by the NRC staff in the Safety Evaluation Reports, dated November 8 and November 7, 1974, related to operation of St. Lucie Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released offsite. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released offsite. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action does not result in changes to land use or water use, or result in changes to the quality or quantity of non-radiological effluents. No changes to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit are needed. No effects on the aquatic or terrestrial habitat in the vicinity or the plant, or to threatened, endangered, or protected species under the Endangered Species Act, or impacts to essential fish habitat covered by the Magnuson-Stevens Act are expected. There are no impacts to the air or ambient air quality. There are no impacts to historical and cultural resources. There would be no noticeable effect on socioeconomic conditions in the region. Therefore, no changes or different types of non-radiological environmental impacts are expected as a result of the proposed action. Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The NRC has previously determined, as stated above, that methodology documented in CE NPSD-683-A provides similar results as those produced by the methods in Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50. Although, in practice, the exemption allows the licensee to not meet the requirements of Appendix G, the differences between the two methodologies are small and the health and safety of the public remain adequately protected.

The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation, if granted.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the no-action alternative). Denial of the exemption request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. If the proposed action were denied, the licensee would have to comply with the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix G, Section IV.A.2. This would cause unnecessary burden on the licensee, without a significant benefit in environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed exemption and the "no action" alternative are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, dated June 1973; the Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (NUREG-0842), dated April 1982; and, the plant-specific Supplement 11 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants," (GEIS). Supplement 11 of the GEIS, issued on May 16, 2003, addresses the renewal of operating licenses DPR-67 and NPF-16 for St. Lucie Plant, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years of operation.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 17, 2011, the NRC staff consulted with the Florida State official, Mr. William A. Passetti of the Bureau of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letters dated March 3, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML110660300), and April 28, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11119A136). Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 18th day of August 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353; NRC-2011-0166]

Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct the Scoping Process for Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) has submitted an application for renewal of Facility Operating Licenses NPF-39 and NPF-85 for an additional 20 years of operation at Limerick Generating Station Units 1 and 2 (LGS). LGS is located in Limerick, Pennsylvania.

The current operating licenses for LGS expire on October 26, 2024, for Unit 1, and June 22, 2029, for Unit 2. The application for renewal, dated June 22, 2011, was submitted pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 54, which included an environmental report (ER). A separate notice of receipt and availability of the application was published in the **Federal Register** on July 26, 2011 (76 FR 44624). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and opportunity for hearing regarding renewal of the facility operating license is also being published in the **Federal Register**. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) related to 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.

As outlined in 36 CFR 800.8, "Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act," the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC intends to use its process and documentation for the preparation of the EIS on the proposed action to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA in lieu of the procedures set forth at 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.53(c) and 10 CFR 54.23, Exelon submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR part 51 and is publicly available at the NRC public document room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The ER may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>. In addition, paper copies of the ER are available to the public near the site at the Pottstown Regional Public Library, 500 East High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464-5656, and the Royersford Free Public Library, 200 South 4th Avenue, Royersford, Pennsylvania 19468-2548.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the NRC's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (NUREG-1437), related to the review of the application for renewal of the LGS operating licenses for an additional 20 years.

Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. The NRC is required by 10 CFR 51.95 to prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and the NRC's regulations found at 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 the scoping process by members of the public and local, state, Tribal, 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 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 the 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; and

h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared and include any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in scoping:

a. The applicant, Exelon;

b. 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;

c. Affected state and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

d. Any affected Indian Tribe;

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

f. Any person who has petitioned or intends to petition for leave to intervene.

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 public meetings for the LGS license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meetings will be held on September 22, 2011, and there will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 2 p.m. (EST), and will continue until 4 p.m. The second session will convene at 7 p.m. with a repeat of the overview

portions of the meeting and will continue until 9 p.m., as necessary. Both sessions will be held at the Sunnybrook Ballroom, 50 North Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464-2946.

Both meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) 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. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below.

Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meetings on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting the NRC Project Manager, Ms. Lisa Regner, by telephone at 800-368-5642, extension 1906, or by e-mail at Lisa.Regner@nrc.gov no later than September 16, 2011. 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. Ms. Regner will need to be contacted no later than September 9, 2011, if special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

ADDRESSES: Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0166 in the subject line of your comments. For additional instructions on submitting comments and instructions on accessing documents related to this action, see "Submitting Comments and Accessing Information" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2011-0166. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher,

telephone: 301-492-3668; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301-492-3446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Comments and Accessing Information

Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

You can access publicly available documents related to this document using the following methods:

- *NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):* The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS Accession Number for the LGS ER is ML11179A104.

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0166.

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. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting. The notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and opportunity for hearing that was published in the **Federal Register** describes the hearing process.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of August, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 04009068; NRC-2008-0391]

Notice of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Issuance of Materials License SUA-1598 and Record of Decision for Lost Creek ISR, LLC Lost Creek In-Situ Recovery Project

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of materials license SUA-1598.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued a license to Lost Creek ISR, LLC (LCI) for its Lost Creek uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) project in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Materials License SUA-1598 authorizes LCI to operate its facilities as proposed in its license application, as amended, and to possess uranium source and byproduct material at the Lost Creek Project. Furthermore, LCI will be required to operate under the conditions listed in Materials License SUA-1598.

This notice also serves as the record of decision for the NRC decision to approve LCI's license application for the Lost Creek Project and to issue Materials License SUA-1598. This record of decision satisfies the regulatory requirement in Section 51.102(a) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), which requires a Commission decision on any action for which a final environmental impact statement has been prepared to be accompanied by or to include a concise public record of decision.

The NRC considers the entire publicly available record for a license application to constitute the agency's record of decision. Documents related to this application carry Docket Number 04009068. You can access the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. These documents for the Lost Creek Project include the license application (including the applicant's environmental report) [ADAMS Accession No. ML081060502], the Commission's Safety Evaluation Report (SER) published in August 2011 [ADAMS Accession No. ML112231724], and the Commission's Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) (NUREG-1910, Supplement 3) published in June 2011 [ADAMS Accession No. ML11125A006]. The record of decision also includes the applicable portions of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities (NUREG-1910), as incorporated by reference in the FSEIS.

As discussed in the Lost Creek FSEIS, the Commission considered a range of alternatives. The reasonable alternatives discussed in detail were the applicant's proposal as described in its license application to conduct in-situ uranium recovery on the site, the no-action alternative, and the dry yellowcake alternative. Under the proposed action, yellowcake slurry would be produced, but not dried, onsite, whereas the dry yellowcake alternative considered the impacts of installing a dryer onsite to produce dry yellowcake from the yellowcake slurry produced onsite. Before a dryer could be installed on the Lost Creek Project site, the licensee would be required to submit a license amendment request, and the NRC would need to approve such a request. Other alternatives considered, but eliminated from detailed analysis, include conventional uranium mining and milling, conventional mining and heap leach processing, alternate lixivants, and alternative wastewater disposal options. The Lost Creek FSEIS also discussed the factors considered when evaluating the alternatives, a comparison among the alternatives, and license conditions and monitoring programs. The FSEIS also contained the NRC staff recommendation to the Commission, related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action that the source material license should be issued as requested, unless safety issues mandate otherwise.