NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–305; NRC–2013–0056]

Dominion Energy Kewaunee, Inc., Kewaunee Power Station Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and availability of report.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will conduct a meeting to discuss and accept public comments on the Kewaunee Power Station (KPS) Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR), Revision 0, on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., DST, in a meeting room at the Kewaunee City Council Chambers, City of Kewaunee offices, 401 Fifth Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216.


Background

Also pursuant to section 50.82(a)(4)(ii) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), the NRC provides notice of its receipt on February 28, 2013, of the signed original PSDAR dated February 26, 2013.

Kewaunee Power Station began commercial operation in June 1974. On February 25, 2013, Dominion Energy Kewaunee, LLC (DEK), the licensee, provided to the NRC its “certification of permanent cessation of operations” (Cert1) consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50.4(b)(8) and as described in 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1)(i). Cert1 submitted by DEK stated that the date on which operations will cease at KPS is May 7, 2013. Thereafter, all fuel will be permanently removed from the reactor vessel and placed in the spent fuel pool.

Upon completion of the permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessel, DEK will have met the requirements to submit written certification of permanent fuel removal (Cert2) consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.4(b)(9) and as described in 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1)(ii).

Cert1 may be viewed in the NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13063A248. In a prior communication on November 2, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12312A018), DEK had notified the NRC of its intention to permanently cease power operations at KPS pending completion of a grid stability review by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Upon docketing of Cert1 and Cert2, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.82(a)(2), the 10 CFR Part 50 renewed facility operating license for KPS will no longer authorize operation of the reactor or emplacement or retention of fuel in the reactor vessel. Also, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.51, “Continuation of license,” Subpart (b), the facility license remains in effect until the NRC notifies the licensee that the license has been terminated.

Further Information

The PSDAR, Revision 0, is available for public viewing at the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) or electronically through NRC ADAMS at Accession No. ML13063A248. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the PDR, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, http://www.nrc.gov (the Public Electronic Reading Room). 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 by email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of March 2013.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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[NRC–2013–0061]

Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Bureau of Land Management

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On February 12, 2013, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Bureau of Land Management, United States Department of the Interior (BLM) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning the development of uranium or thorium resources on BLM administered public lands, including Federal mineral estates. The MOU sets forth the cooperative working relationship between the NRC and the BLM, primarily for the purpose of enhancing each agency’s compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In particular, the MOU improves interagency communications, facilitates sharing of special expertise and information, and coordinates the preparation of studies, reports and environmental analyses. The MOU supersedes the original memorandum of understanding entered into between the NRC and the BLM on November 30, 2009.

II. Summary

The MOU provides a framework for this cooperative relationship and identifies the responsibilities of each agency. The intent of the MOU is to improve interagency communications, facilitate the sharing of special expertise and information, and coordinate the preparation of studies, reports and environmental analyses pertaining to NRC licensing actions that involve BLM administered public lands. The MOU includes provisions that cover compliance with NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. The agencies will implement the MOU through periodic coordination meetings between the NRC and BLM management and staff, establishing points of contact at each agency, identifying information gaps that can be filled by each agency, and ensuring that specific environmental and historic preservation issues of interest to each agency are addressed in environmental reviews. To the fullest extent possible, NRC and BLM will participate either as lead agency, co-lead or cooperating agency on the preparation of site-specific environmental review documents.