

rod canister during the spring 2016 SFLC campaign, EGC stated that it must finalize fuel loading package documentation by December 2015.

Based on the amount of time generally required to review and approve CoC amendment requests (e.g., 18 months to 27 months), there would not be adequate time for development of fuel loading packages. The timing constraints would also extend beyond the scheduled start of the DNPS SFLC campaign in Spring 2016. According to EGC, delaying the approval to mid-2016 or beyond would delay EGC's ability to have full-core offload capability in the DNPS spent fuel pool until spring 2018. This alternative is not considered further because it does not meet the purpose and need of the proposed action.

As another alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the exemption request (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). This alternative would have the same environmental impacts as the proposed action. In the event that the NRC denied the requested exemption, EGC would continue to operate under the requirements of the current Holtec HI-STORM CoC, which has previously been determined to have no significant impacts. The potential environmental impact of using the Holtec HI-STORM system was initially analyzed in the environmental assessment for the final rule (65 FR 25241; May 1, 2000) to add the Holtec HI-STORM system to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks in

10 CFR 72.214. The environmental assessment for the May 1, 2000, final rule concluded that there would be no significant environmental impact for adding the Holtec HI-STORM system, and therefore, the NRC issued a finding of no significant impact.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not impact any resource implications discussed in previous environmental reviews.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The staff consulted with Mr. Joseph Klinger, Assistant Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) by email, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State's response was received by email dated October 28, 2015. The email response states that IEMA reviewed the draft environmental assessment and found "no basis for denial of this Exemption Request." Mr. Klinger concurred with the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

The NRC staff has determined that a consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required because the proposed action will not affect listed species or critical habitat. The NRC staff has also determined that the proposed action is not a type of activity that has the potential to impact historic properties because the proposed action would occur within the established DNPS site boundary.

Therefore, no consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has reviewed EGC's exemption request to authorize EGC to load and store one DNPS Unit 1 thoria rod canister containing 18 DNPS Unit 1 thoria rods in the DNPS ISFSI. Based on its review of the proposed action, in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has determined that approval of the exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 10 CFR 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), a portion of 10 CFR 72.212(b)(11), and 10 CFR 72.214 to allow EGC to load and store one DNPS Unit 1 thoria rod canister containing 18 DNPS Unit 1 thoria rods in CoC No. 1014, Amendment 8, Revision 1, will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. For these reasons, NRC has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed action, and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

IV. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through one or more of the methods indicated in the ADDRESSES section.

Document	ADAMS Accession No.
Exelon Generation Company (EGC) application dated January 29, 2015	ML15029A334
EGC supplement dated June 8, 2015	ML15159A745
NRC email dated October 21, 2015, to Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) forwarding draft environmental assessment and IEMA response dated October 28, 2015, to draft environmental assessment	ML15323A022
Holtec HI-STORM final rule	ML010670391
NUREG-1748, "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs"	ML032450279

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Steve Ruffin,

Acting Chief, Spent Fuel Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2016-0001]

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2016.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of March 7, 2016

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 7, 2016.

Week of March 14, 2016—Tentative

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Power Reactor Decommissioning Rulemaking (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jason Carneal: 301-415-1451)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

9:30 a.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (Public Meeting) (Contact: Douglas Bollock: 301-415-6609)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of March 21, 2016—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 21, 2016.

Week of March 28, 2016—Tentative

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Project Aim (Public Meeting) (Contact: Janelle Jessie: 301-415-6775)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Security Issues (Closed Ex. 1)

Week of April 4, 2016—Tentative

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed Ex. 1)

Week of April 11, 2016—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 11, 2016.

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March 2, 2016.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-022 and 52-023; NRC-2013-0261]

Duke Energy Progress; Combined License Application for Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plants Units 2 and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to an August 12, 2015, letter from Duke Energy Progress (DEP), which requested an exemption from certain regulatory requirements that requires DEP to submit an update to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) included in their combined license (COL) application by December 31, 2015. The NRC staff reviewed this request and determined that it is appropriate to grant the exemption, but stipulated that the update to the FSAR must be submitted prior to, or coincident with the resumption of the COL application review or by December 31, 2016, whichever comes first.

DATES: The exemption is effective on March 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0261 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0261. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public

Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that the document is referenced.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

On February 18, 2008, DEP, submitted to the NRC a COL application for two units of Westinghouse Electric Company's AP1000 advanced pressurized water reactors to be constructed and operated at the existing Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant (Harris) site (ADAMS) Accession No. ML080580078). The NRC docketed the Shearon Harris Units 2 and 3 COL application (Docket Numbers 52-022 and 52-023) on April 23, 2008. On April 15, 2013, (ADAMS Accession No. ML13112A761) DEP submitted Revision 5 to the COL application including updates to the FSAR, per subsection 50.71(e)(3)(iii) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). On May 2, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13123A344), DEP requested that the NRC suspend review of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant Units 2 and 3 COL application. On August 7, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13220B004), DEP requested an exemption from the 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements to submit the COL application FSAR update, which NRC granted through December 31, 2014. On August 1, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14216A431), DEP requested another exemption from the 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements to submit the COL application FSAR update by December 31, 2015. On August 12, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15226A353), DEP requested another exemption from the 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements to submit the COL application FSAR update by December 31, 2016.

II. Request/Action

Paragraph 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requires that an applicant for a COL under Subpart C of 10 CFR part 52, submit updates to their FSAR annually during the period