Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station License Termination Plan

Meeting with NRC April 28, 2004

Purpose of the Meeting

- Open lines of communication with the NRC
- Review site features and decommissioning status
- Discuss current decommissioning goals
- Discuss LTP development
- Obtain NRC feedback
- Discuss future interactions

Agenda

- Rancho Seco Features
- Decommissioning Approach
- Decommissioning Status
- Project Organization
- License Termination Approach
- HSA /Site Characterization
- Dose Modeling
- Final Status Survey
- Projected Schedule
- Future Meetings

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Rancho Seco Operations Babcock & Wilcox Reactor Initial criticality Began commercial operation Numbers of fuel cycles Shut down permanently Effective Full Power Days **Received POL** Began dismantlement Completed dry fuel transfer

963 MWe September 1974 April 1975 June 1989 2,149 (<6 yrs.) March 1992 February 1997 August 2002

Rancho Seco Site Features

- 2,480 acre owner-controlled area
 - Industrial Area 87 acres
 - ISFSI (site-specific 10 CFR Part 72 license) 9/10 acre
 - Photovoltaic plant 50 acres
 - 500 MWe gas-fired plant (under construction) 30 acres
 - Rancho Seco switchyard is a major intertie with the Western Grid
 - 560 acre park with 160 acre-feet recreational lake
- ~100 acres are impacted
- Dry site (i.e., no major waterways nearby)
- Deep water table (140 160 feet; very little recharge from local rainfall)
- SMUD will retain site ownership



















Decommissioning Approach

- Started dismantlement activities in 1997
- Small staff
 - ~100 SMUD (including Security)
 - ~80 Contractors
- No radioactive waste ever sent to Barnwell
- License Termination Plan: phased approach
 - Phase I (2008)
 - Complete major physical activities
 - Store Class B & C radioactive waste onsite
 - Release site except Interim Onsite Storage Building (IOSB)
 - Possibly defer Reactor Building based on characterization
 - Phase II (2030)
 - Release remainder of site
 - license termination

Decommissioning Approach

- Major concrete buildings will remain in place
- SMUD will continue to use the site (office buildings, gas plant, etc.) for other utility-related activities
- Public interest

Major Activities & Status

- Turbine Building system removal completed
- Reactor Building system removal 91% complete
- Auxiliary Building equipment removal 88% complete
- Reactor Vessel & Internals
 - Reactor Vessel Head cut into 5 pieces & shipped to Envirocare for disposal
 - Internals segmentation contract to Transnuclear, Inc. is pending

Major Activities & Status

- Pressurizer removed for disposal March 2004
- Spent fuel pool water processing completed
- Spent Fuel Pool Liner removal continues
- Radioactive waste shipped to Envirocare for disposal

Major Decommissioning Activities



Remaining Major Tasks

- Reactor Vessel Project
 - Internals (2004-2005)
 - Vessel (2005-2006)
- Steam Generators (2005-2006)
- Spent Fuel Building & Pool
- Systems and components
 - Buried & Embedded Piping
 - Ventilation
- Building decontamination
- Final Status Surveys

Total Remaining Costs

- Total work remaining: \$222.4M
- Trust fund: \$91M
- Annual funding rate: \$27M
- Last payment in 2008
- SMUD Board of Directors has authority to adjust funding rate (i.e., not PUC regulated)

Rancho Seco Organization



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Project Organization



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License Termination Approach

- Phase I
 - Complete major decommissioning activities
 - Submit LTP to NRC
 - FSS for site except Interim Onsite Storage Building
- Phase II
 - Store Class B & C radioactive waste in Interim Onsite Storage Building (IOSB)
 - Ship Class B & C waste for disposal
 - FSS for Interim Onsite Storage Building
- Survey to MARSSIM guidance and site-specific DCGLs
 - 25 mrem/yr (for all pathways included in dose model)
 - ALARA

LTP Development

- Consistent with NRC Guidance Documents
 - Regulatory Guide 1.179 LTP format & content
 - NUREG-1700 Standard Review Plan for LTPs
 - NUREG-1757 NMSS Decommissioning Guidance
- Use previous industry experience
- Developed RAI database
- Maintain ongoing communications with NRC
- Incorporate NRC feedback
- Minimize NRC RAIs

HSA and Site Characterization

- HSA considers:
 - Prior site survey data
 - 10 CFR 50.75(g) required records
 - Personnel interviews (150 observations)
- HSA provides input into site characterization
- The HSA report will be summarized in the LTP
- Site Characterization:
 - Identifies ongoing sampling and measurement needs
 - Provides the basis for area and survey unit classification
 - Supports remediation planning

Site Characterization Summary

- No known groundwater contamination
- Reactor Building activated concrete
- Impacted soil
 - Onsite
 - Outside of Industrial Area from liquid effluent releases
- Sub-surface soil contamination



Dose Modeling

- SMUD will retain site ownership and continue to use site
- Industrial worker scenario
 - structures
 - soils
- Computer Codes
 - RESRAD
 - RESRAD-BUILD
 - DandD
- Probabilistic Mode for sensitivity analysis

Dose Modeling (cont.)

- Basis for site-specific input parameters
 - Radionuclide mix
 - Geology, hydrology, meteorology, etc.
- Hydrogeology
 - Previous studies
 - Original siting
 - Proposed evaporation pond
 - Bring in a hydrogeologist
 - Confirm no groundwater contamination
 - Additional wells based on hydrogeologist recommendations
- NRC guidance
 - NUREG-1757, Volume 2 Decommissioning guidance
 - NUREG/CR-5512 computer code comparisons
 - NUREG/CR-6697 probablistic distributions for RESRAD

Final Status Survey Development

- Based on MARSSIM
 - DQO process
 - Survey unit classification
- Anticipated site conditions at time of FSS
 - Major concrete structures in place
 - Temporary buildings removed
 - Maintain site as an industrial facility
- Monitoring instrumentation
- FSS plan contained in LTP

Projected Schedule

Submit LTP

Public meeting

NRC issue RAIs

RAI response

NRC approves LTP

Complete Phase I - FSS Complete Phase II - dispose of Class B & C waste; FSS for IOSB June 2005

October 2005

March 2006

June 2006

December 2006

December 2008 Based on suitable disposal site (2030)

Future Meeting Topics

- Site Characterization
- Dose Modeling
- Hydrogeologic investigations and groundwater monitoring
- Final Status Survey
- Routine conference calls to discuss status and resolve issues
- NRC visit to Rancho Seco site