

elevated level of radioactivity. The NRC's confirmatory survey confirmed that the building exterior and the grounds around the building were not contaminated with radioactive material.

Other than the presence of mercury in the former sump area in the rear of the building as discussed previously, no impacts of a non-radiological nature were identified in connection with the proposed action. No cumulative impacts were identified.

H. Agencies and Persons Consulted and Sources Used

The NRC staff have determined that the proposed action will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, NRC staff have determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The NRC consulted with the State of Wyoming on this EA. The State provided one comment regarding verification of waste disposal. The licensee subsequently provided documentation from the waste broker dated January 3, 2003, confirming that the radioactive wastes had been disposed in a state-licensed commercial waste facility in Richland, Washington.

I. Conclusion

Based on its review, the NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed action do not warrant denial of the license amendment request. The NRC staff believes that the proposed action will result in minimal environmental impacts. The staff has determined that the proposed action, approval of the license amendment request to release the facility for unrestricted use, is the appropriate alternative for selection.

J. List of Preparers

This Environmental Assessment was prepared by Robert Evans, Senior Health Physicist, Fuel Cycle & Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region IV, and reviewed by Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg, Chief, Fuel Cycle & Decommissioning Branch.

K. References

1. Enviro-Test Laboratories' Decommissioning Plan submittal dated October 1, 2002 (ML023190414, ML023190459, ML023190486, ML023190490, ML023190561,

ML023220067, ML023220319, and ML023220321; restricted access due to personal privacy information being included).

2. NRC letter to Enviro-Test Laboratories dated January 28, 2003, Completeness Review of Decommissioning Plan (ML030280684).

3. Enviro-Test Laboratories' Certificate of Disposition of Materials dated January 31, 2003 (ML031750843).

4. Enviro-Test Laboratories' second Decommissioning Plan submittal dated June 2, 2003, Additional Information for Decommissioning Activities (ML031550560, ML031550604, ML031550624, and ML031550645).

5. NRC letter to Enviro-Test Laboratories dated June 11, 2003, Acknowledgment of Receipt of Decommissioning Plan (ML031621024).

6. NRC Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Enviro-Test Laboratories dated June 16, 2003 (ML031671353).

7. Enviro-Test Laboratories' third Decommissioning Plan submittal dated July 18, 2003, Site Closure Plan (ML032030605, ML032030619, ML032030621, ML032030623, ML032050081, and ML032050108).

8. Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education letter to NRC dated August 6, 2003, Revision to Analytical Results for Smear Results (ML032650667).

9. NRC Inspection Report 030-19913/2003-01 dated September 24, 2003 (ML032671377).

10. TriHydro Corporation Report to Gene George dated November 29, 2001 (ML033070386).

11. State of Wyoming, Office of Homeland Security, letter to NRC dated November 17, 2003, RE: Request for Comments Regarding the Environmental Assessment for Decommissioning of the Enviro-Test Laboratories Facility dated November 4, 2003 (ML033280170).

12. Environmental Management and Controls, Inc. letter to Enviro-Test Laboratories dated January 3, 2003, regarding disposal of radioactive wastes (ML033420169).

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the environmental assessment, the staff concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the staff has determined that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

IV. Further Information

The documents related to this proposed action, including the application for the license amendment and supporting documentation, are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, at the ADAMS Accession Nos. listed with the documents. These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville,

MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Arlington, Texas, this 15th day of December, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

D. Blair Spitzberg,

Chief, Fuel Cycle Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety Region IV.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-009]

System Energy Resources, Inc., Grand Gulf Site; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process

System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI) has submitted an application for an early site permit (ESP) for its Grand Gulf site, located in Claiborne County, near Port Gibson, Mississippi. The application for the ESP was submitted by letter dated October 16, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR part 52. A notice of receipt of application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2003 (68 FR 64665). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for an early site permit for Grand Gulf was published in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2003 (68 FR 67219). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the review of the ESP application and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in 10 CFR 51.29. In addition, 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 in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

In accordance with 10 CFR 52.17(a)(2), 51.45 and 51.50, SERI submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR parts 51 and 52 and is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS

is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The application may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/license-reviews/esp/grand-gulf.html>. In addition, the Harriette Person Memorial County Library, located at 606 Main Street, Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150, has agreed to make the ER available for public inspection.

The following key reference documents related to the ESP applications and the NRC staff's review process are available through the NRC's web site at www.nrc.gov:

- a. 10 CFR part 51, Environmental protection regulations for domestic licensing and related regulatory functions.
- b. 10 CFR part 52, Early site permits; standard design certifications; and combined licenses for nuclear power plants.
- c. 10 CFR part 100, Reactor site criteria.
- d. NUREG-1555, Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants.
- e. NUREG/BR-0298, Brochure on Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process.
- f. Regulatory Guide 4.2, Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Stations.
- g. Regulatory Guide 4.7, General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations.
- h. Fact Sheet on Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process.
- i. Draft review Standard RS-002, Processing Applications for Early Site Permits.
- j. NRR Office Instruction LIC-203, Procedural Guidance for Preparing Environmental Assessments and Considering Environmental Issues.

The regulations, NUREG-series documents, regulatory guide(s), and fact sheet can be found under Document Collections in the Electronic Reading Room on the NRC web page. The draft review standard is at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/license-reviews/esp/esp-public-comments-rs-002.html>. Finally, Office Instruction LIC-203 can be found in ADAMS in two parts under accession numbers ML011710073 (main text) and ML011780314 (charts and figures).

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information

necessary to prepare an EIS in support of the review of the application an ESP for the Grand Gulf site. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (issuance of the ESP at the Grand Gulf ESP site) include no action and alternative sites. The NRC is required by 10 CFR 52.18 to prepare an EIS in connection with the issuance of an ESP. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and the NRC's regulations found in 10 CFR part 51.

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the EIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft EIS for public comment. Participation in this scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the draft EIS will be used to accomplish the following:

- a. Define the proposed action which is to be the subject of EIS.
- b. Determine the scope of the EIS 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 environmental impact statements (EISs) that are being or will be prepared that are related to but are not part of the scope of the EIS 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 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 EIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.
- h. Describe how the EIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in the scoping process:

- a. The applicant, SERI.
- 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 including the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- d. Any affected Indian tribe including the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

e. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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

g. Any person who 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 will hold a public meeting for the Grand Gulf early site permit application EIS. The scoping meeting will be held in the Port Gibson City Hall, located at 1005 College Street, Port Gibson, Mississippi, on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. The meeting will convene at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., as necessary. The meeting will be transcribed and will include the following: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the EIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview by SERI of the proposed action, Grand Gulf ESP, and the environmental impacts as outlined in the ER; and (3) the opportunity for interested Government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the EIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the Port Gibson City Hall. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting Ms. Cristina Guerrero by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 2981, or by Internet to the NRC at GrandGulf@nrc.gov no later than January 14, 2004. 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 EIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Ms. Guerrero's attention no later than January 14, 2004, so that the NRC staff

can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the environmental scoping process for the EIS to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by February 12, 2004. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at GrandGulfEIS@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than February 12, 2004, to be considered in the scoping process. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <http://www.nrc.gov/nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> at the NRC Homepage.

Participation in the scoping process for the EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the EIS relates. Notice of a hearing regarding the application for an ESP will be the subject of a future **Federal Register** notice.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection through the PERR link. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft EIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and a separate public meeting. Copies will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final EIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the EIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Wilson at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of December 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Pao-Tsin Kuo,
Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts, Division of Regulatory Improvements Program, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of December 29, 2003, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 2004.

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 29, 2003

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 29, 2003.

Week of January 5, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 5, 2004.

Week of January 12, 2004—Tentative

Wednesday, January 14, 2004
9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Office of Chief Information Officer Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jacqueline Silber, 301-415-7330).

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

Week of January 19, 2004—Tentative

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Week of January 26, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 26, 2004.

Week of February 2, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Timothy J. Frye, (301) 415-1651
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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>
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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: December 23, 2003.

Timothy J. Frye,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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PEACE CORPS

Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Notice of public use form review request submission to the Offices of Management and Budget (OMB Control Number 0420-0510).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1981 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Peace Corps has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval of an information collection, OMB Control Number 0420-0510, the Peace Corps Health Status Review form (PC-1789) and the Report of Medical and Dental Exam forms (PC-1790 S and PC-1790 Dental). This is a renewal of an active information collection and a revision. The current active renewal covers the Peace Corps Health Status Review form (PC-1789) and the Report of Medical Exam (PC-1790 S). The revision is to add an HIV Aids question to the PC-1789 form and to add the Report of Dental Exam form (PC-1790) to this collection for a total of three forms to make up the health applications for Peace Corps Volunteers. The purpose of this information collection is necessary to ensure that Volunteers meet this medical eligibility requirement, all applicants for service must undergo physical and dental examination prior to Volunteer service to provide the information needed for clearance, and to serve as a reference for any future Volunteer medical clearance, and to serve as a reference for any future Volunteer disability claims. The Health Status Review is used to review the medical history of individual applicants; the Report of Medical Exam and the Report of Dental Exam are used