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## **NRC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR SEABROOK NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL; MEETING SEPT. 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is seeking public comments at two meetings on Thursday, Sept. 15, regarding its preliminary conclusion that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude a 20-year extension of the operating license for the Seabrook Station in Seabrook, N.H.

The meetings will be held at [One Liberty Lane Conference Center](#), at 1 Liberty Lane East in Hampton, N.H. The first meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and the second identical session is planned for the same location at 7 p.m. The two meetings will begin with identical overviews, including a discussion of the contents of the report, and then be opened for public comment.

In addition, the NRC staff will host informal discussions 1 hour prior to each meeting at the same facility. NRC staff members will be available to answer questions and provide information about the process, but no comments on environmental issues will be accepted during these informal sessions.

As part of Seabrook's license renewal application, dated May 25, 2010, NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC. , submitted an environmental report. The NRC staff reviewed the report and performed an on-site audit. The staff also considered comments made during the environmental scoping process, including comments offered at public meetings held on Aug. 19, 2010. The staff drafted a supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) that will form the basis for discussions at the meetings. The Seabrook draft supplement to the generic EIS and other related documents are available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room at NRC headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.; or electronically through the [Agencywide Documents Access and Management System](#) at the NRC website. The accession number of the draft supplement is ML11213A080. In addition, the draft supplement to the generic EIS is available for public inspection at the following locations: Seabrook Library 25 Liberty La. in Seabrook, and at Amesbury Public Library, located at 149 Main St. in Amesbury, Mass.

NRC staff will consider written comments on the draft EIS until Oct. 26. Comments should be submitted by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop:

TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Faxed comments may be sent to RADB at (301) 492-3446. Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal rulemaking website, [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) using Docket ID NRC-2010-0206.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating license for Seabrook current operating license is set to expire on March 15, 2030.

The possible environmental effects of an additional 20 years of nuclear plant operation are described in a generic [EIS \(NUREG-1437\)](#). The NRC issues a site-specific supplement to the generic EIS on each plant requesting license renewal; issues specific to Seabrook are addressed in Supplement 46.

A copy of the [Seabrook license renewal application](#) is available on the NRC's website. Additional information on the NRC's [license renewal review process](#) is available also on the website.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the NRC staff will consider and address the comments received and issue a final supplement to the generic EIS. That supplement will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability for license renewal.

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