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CALVERT CLIFFS ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AVAILABLE, PUBLIC MEETING AUGUST 14 IN SOLOMONS, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today made available the environmental report portion of a combined license (COL) application for a new reactor at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby, Md. The agency will discuss its COL review process during a public meeting Aug. 14 in Solomons, Md. Details of the meeting will be announced separately.

The applicant, UniStar, submitted the report and associated information July 13. The report is available on the NRC Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>.

Agency regulations allow an applicant to submit one part of a COL application up to six months before the remainder is submitted to NRC. A COL application has primarily two parts: a safety analysis and an environmental report.

UniStar's COL application will seek approval to build and operate an EPR reactor at the Calvert Cliffs site, approximately 40 miles south of Annapolis. The EPR is a large pressurized water reactor of evolutionary design.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial check of the environmental report to determine whether it contains sufficient information required for a formal review. If this part of the application has sufficient information, the NRC will "docket," or accept it for review. The agency will notice an opportunity for the public to request an adjudicatory hearing on the application once UniStar submits the remainder of the application and it passes its initial check.

Additional details of the Aug. 14 meeting will be provided in an upcoming meeting notice and press release. More information about the NRC's review of COL applications is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>.

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