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MEMORANDUM TO: Cynthia A. Carpenter, Chief
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FROM: Andrew J. Kugler, Senior Project Manager/**RA**/
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL
SCOPING PROCESS FOR THE SURRY POWER STATION, UNITS 1
AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NOS. MB1992 AND
MB1993)

DATE AND TIME: September 19, 2001, Two identical sessions
First session: Convenes at 1:30 p.m.
Second session: Convenes at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Surry Combined District Court Room
Surry County Government Center
45 School Street
Surry, Virginia 23883

PURPOSE: To conduct transcribed public meetings to provide members of the public with the opportunity to provide their comments on what environmental issues the NRC should consider during its review of the license renewal application for Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2. These meetings are conducted as part of the scoping process outlined in 10 CFR Part 51 to support development of an environmental impact statement in support of the application. See the attached agenda and **Federal Register** Notice (66 FR 42897).

Both formal sessions will be preceded by an informal "open house" beginning one hour prior to each session for those who wish to attend. The "open house" will provide members of the public with an opportunity to talk informally "one-on-one" with NRC staff.

C.A. Carpenter

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PARTICIPANTS:

NRC

Members of the Public Who
Register to Speak

C. Grimes
F. Cameron
A. Kugler

Docket Nos 50-280 and 50-281

Attachments: Agenda and FR Notice

Members of the public may register to present oral comments at this meeting by contacting Andy Kugler (800) 368-5642, ext 2828, or by internet ajk1@nrc.gov by September 11, 2001. Those who wish to make comments may also register at the Combined District Court Room meeting site 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.

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING PROCESS FOR
SURRY POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

Two Meeting Sessions* - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome and purpose of meeting - 10 minutes (F. Cameron)
- II. Overview of license renewal process - 10 minutes (C. Grimes)
- III. Overview of environmental review process - 20 minutes (A. Kugler)
- IV. Public comments - 2 hours (F. Cameron)
- V. Closing/availability of transcripts, etc. (F. Cameron)

*The NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to each meeting session. No comments on the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings (see agenda, above) or in writing, as described in the *Federal Register* notice.

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[Federal Register: August 15, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 158)]
[Notices]
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281]

Virginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process

Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) has submitted an application for renewal of operating licenses DPR-32 and DPR-37 for an additional 20 years of operation at Surry Power Station (SPS), Units 1 and 2. SPS is located in Surry County, Virginia. The application for renewal was submitted by letter dated May 29, 2001, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54. A notice of receipt of application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the Federal Register on June 28, 2001 (66 FR 34489). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for renewal of the facility operating license was published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2001 (66 FR 39213). 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 in support of the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in 10 CFR 51.29.

In accordance with 10 CFR 54.23 and 10 CFR 51.53(c), Virginia Power submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR part 51 and is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the Commission's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437) in support of the review of the application for renewal of the SPS operating licenses for an additional 20 years. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. 10 CFR 51.95 requires that the NRC prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations found in 10 CFR part 51.

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

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- a. Define the proposed action which is to be the subject of the supplement to the GEIS.
- b. Determine the scope of the supplement to the GEIS 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 supplement to the GEIS 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 supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.
- h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS 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, Virginia Electric and Power Company.
- b. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved, or that is authorized to

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develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

- c. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.
- d. Any affected Indian tribe.
- e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process.
- f. 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 has decided to hold a public meeting for the SPS license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meeting will be held in the Combined District Court Room in the Surry County Government Center, 45 School Street, Surry, Virginia, on Wednesday September 19, 2001. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview by Virginia Power of the proposed action, SPS license renewal, 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 supplement to the GEIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each

session at the Surry County Government Center. No comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings 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 Mr. Andrew J. Kugler by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 2828, or by Internet to the NRC at ajk1@nrc.gov no later than September 11, 2001. 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 supplement to the GEIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kugler's attention no later than September 11, 2001, 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 supplement to the GEIS to:

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
Division of Administrative Services
Office of Administration
Mailstop T-6 D 59
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by October 15, 2001. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at SurryEIS@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than October 15, 2001, 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/ADAMS/index.html> at the NRC Homepage.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned Federal Register notice of acceptance for docketing. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at the public meeting.

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 supplement to the GEIS, 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 supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

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

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of August 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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