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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION IN IDAHO

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an application from Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation for a license to store spent nuclear fuel at an installation to be located on the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site in Butte County, Idaho. The agency is announcing the opportunity for potentially affected persons to request a hearing on the application.

The storage facility would contain spent fuel that is in the possession of the Department of Energy and that was used in the former Shippingport and Peach Bottom Unit 1 nuclear power plants -- early demonstration reactors located in Pennsylvania that produced commercial electricity. If granted, the license would authorize Foster Wheeler to store spent fuel in a dry storage system at the site for 20 years.

The deadline for hearing requests is July 29 (30 days after the publication of a Federal Register notice on this subject on June 27). By that time, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest might be affected by the facility and who wishes to participate as a party to the hearing.

Petitions for a hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Document Control Desk, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. Because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to U.S. Government offices, it is requested that hearing requests be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by fax to 301/415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. The Federal Register notice contains details on other addressees and information that must be included in the petitions.

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