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NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC MARCH 19 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR CALVERT CLIFFS NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings Wednesday, March 19, in Solomons, Md., to discuss the agency's review of a partial Combined License (COL) application for a new reactor at the Calvert Cliffs site near Lusby, and the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing the application.

The meetings will be held from 1 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 155 Holiday Drive in Solomons. The NRC will transcribe the meeting, including any follow-up answers the staff provides later, and post the transcript on the agency's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/calvert-cliffs.html>.

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during "open house" sessions from 12 - 1 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during these open houses.

UniStar submitted the application's environmental portion and associated information on July 13, 2007, and supplemented the report on Dec. 14, 2007. UniStar's environmental report also includes siting and administrative information required by NRC regulations. Agency regulations allow an applicant to submit one part of a COL application up to 18 months before submitting the remainder to the NRC. A COL application has two basic elements, a safety analysis and an environmental portion; the agency expects to receive the Calvert Cliffs safety analysis in March.

Unistar is applying for a license to build and operate an Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR) at the Calvert Cliffs site, approximately 40 miles south of Annapolis. The EPR is a large pressurized water reactor with a design output of approximately 1,500 MWe. The EPR's designer, Areva, filed an application on Dec. 11, 2007, to certify the design, which is currently under construction at the Olkiluoto site in Finland. The EPR application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/epr.html>.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting should contact Thomas Fredrichs by telephone at 800-368-5642 x5971, or via e-mail at CalvertCliffs.COLAEIS@nrc.gov by March 11. Those with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting should also notify the staff by that date. Those wishing to speak may also register at each meeting no later than 12:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., respectively. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than April 4, either by mail 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, via e-mail at CalvertCliffs.COLAEIS@nrc.gov, or hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

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