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NRC TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING AS PART OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR DAVIS BESSE; MEETING NOV. 4

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting on Wed., Nov. 4, in Port Clinton, Ohio, to discuss the agency's review process and the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station license renewal application.

The meetings will be held at the Camp Perry Lodging and Conference Center, 1000 Lawrence Road, Building 600 in Port Clinton. The staff will start the first of the two-hour sessions at 1:30 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m. The NRC will also host an "open house" beginning one hour before the start of each meeting to provide interested citizens with an opportunity to talk informally with agency staff. However, comments must be expressed during the transcribed meetings in order to be formally considered by NRC staff.

Both sessions will start with an NRC presentation on the agency's review and environmental scoping process that is part of the license renewal review. Following the presentations, audience members will have an opportunity to provide comments on environmental issues that the agency should consider in its review of the Davis-Besse license renewal application.

"Public input is a cornerstone of the license review process and environmental scoping," said NRC Branch Chief Davis Wrona. "As an open and transparent agency, the NRC considers it important to seek input from residents around the plant about the environmental issues they consider significant."

The NRC staff will prepare a summary of its conclusions on significant issues and provide a copy to each person who participated in the "scoping" process and provided contact information.

Additional information on the license renewal process is available on the NRC's website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

The Davis-Besse nuclear plant's pressurized-water reactor is located in Oak Harbor, Ohio, approximately 21 miles southeast of Toledo.

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 Davis-Besse expires on April 22, 2017. The plant's owner, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co., submitted the license renewal application on Aug. 30.

Members of the public may register to present oral comments at this meeting by contacting Paula Cooper at (800) 368-5642 x2323 or by email at paula.cooper@nrc.gov. Those who wish to make comments may also register at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on environmental issues until Dec. 27, following the publication of a notice in the *Federal Register* (<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-27276.pdf>). Please include Docket ID **NRC-2010-0298** with your comment, via the <http://www.regulations.gov> website, by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or fax to 301-492-3446.

Documents for the Davis-Besse license renewal application are available on the NRC website through the Public Electronic Reading Room at: www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. Help in accessing documents through the Reading Room is available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209 or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/contact-pdr.html>. In addition, document copies will also be available at the Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison St. in Port Clinton and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 North Michigan St. in Toledo.

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