

Location	Voltage	Owner	Presidential permit
Tioga, ND	230-kV	Basin Electric	PP-64.
Blaine, WA	2-500-kV	BPA	PP-10.
Nelway, BC	230-kV .....	.....	PP-36.
Nelway, BC	230-kV .....	.....	PP-46.
Derby Line, VT	120-kV	Citizens Utilities	PP-66.
St. Clair, MI	345-kV	Detroit Edison	PP-38.
Maryville, MI	230-kV .....	.....	PP-21.
Detroit, MI	230-kV .....	.....	PP-21.
St Clair, MI	345-kV .....	.....	PP-58.
Franklin, VT	120-kV ¹	Joint Owners of the Highgate Project.	PP-82.
Houlton, ME	345-kV	Maine Electric Power Co	PP-43.
Arostock Cnty, ME	138-kV	Maine Public Svs.	PP-29.
Intl Falls, MN	115-kV	Minnesota Power	PP-78.
Roseau Cnty, MN	230-kV	Minnkota Power Corp.	PP-61.
Massena, NY	2-230-kV	NYPA	PP-25.
Devils Hole, NY	230-kV .....	.....	PP-30.
Massena, NY	765-kV .....	.....	PP-56.
Niagara Falls, NY	2-345-kV .....	.....	PP-74.
Devils Hole, NY	230-kV	Niagara Mohawk	PP-30.
Red River, ND	230-kV	Northern States	PP-45.
Roseau, MN	500-kV	Power Co.	PP-63.
Norton, VT	450-kV DC	Vermont Electric Transmission Co	PP-76.

¹ These facilities were constructed at 345-kV but operated at 120-kV.

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on Edison Source's request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-119. Comments on Edison Source's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-120. Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Joseph C. Bell, Jolanta Sterbenz, Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., Counsel for Edison Source, 555 Thirteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004-11009.

A final decision will be made on this applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 15, 1996.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Office of Coal & Electricity, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.
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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Disposal of the S3G and D1G Prototype Reactor Plants

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Naval Reactors (Naval Reactors) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), and to conduct a public scoping meeting. This Environmental Impact Statement will address final disposal of the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants, located in West Milton, New York. Naval Reactors is preparing this Environmental Impact Statement to focus on the potential for significant environmental impacts and to consider reasonable alternatives.

Naval Reactors invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed, alternatives to be analyzed, and the environmental impacts to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The public also is invited to attend a scoping meeting in which oral comments and suggestions will be received. Oral and written comments will be considered equally in preparation of the

Environmental Impact Statement. Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for review when it is issued, should write to Mr. A. S. Baitinger at the address below. When the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is complete, its availability will be announced in the Federal Register and in the local news media. A public hearing will be held, and comments will be solicited on this document.

DATES: Written comments postmarked by September 23, 1996 will be considered in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Oral and written comments will be received at a public scoping meeting to be held September 10, 1996 at the Town of Milton Community Center at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, suggestions on the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or requests to speak at the public scoping meeting should be submitted to Mr. A. S. Baitinger, Chief, West Milton Field Office, Office of Naval Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectaday, New York 12301; telephone (518) 884-1234. The public scoping meeting will be held at 7 pm on September 10, 1996 at the Town of Milton Community Center, 310 Northline Road, Balston Spa, New York.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants are located on the Kesselring Site in West Milton, New York, approximately 17 miles north of Schenectady. The S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants first started operation in 1958 and 1962 respectively, and served for more than 30 years as facilities for testing reactor plant components and equipment and for training Naval personnel. As a result of the end of the Cold War and the downsizing of the Navy, the S3G Prototype reactor plant was shut down in 1991 and has been defueled, drained, and placed in a stable protective storage condition. The D1G Prototype reactor plant was shut down in March 1996 and is currently undergoing defueling.

Preliminary Description of Alternatives**1. Prompt Dismantlement**

This alternative would involve the prompt dismantlement of the reactor plants. All S3G and D1G reactor plant systems, components and prototype structures would be removed from the Kesselring Site. To the extent practicable, the resulting low-level radioactive metals would be recycled at existing commercial facilities that recycle radioactive metals. The remaining low-level radioactive waste would be disposed of at the DOE Savannah River Site in South Carolina. The Savannah River Site currently receives low-level radioactive waste from Naval Reactors sites in the eastern United States. Both the volume and radioactive content of the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plant low-level waste fall within the projections of Naval Reactors waste provided to the Savannah River Site, which in turn are included in the Savannah River Site Waste Management Final Environmental Impact Statement dated July 1995. Transportation of low-level radioactive waste to the DOE Hanford Site in Washington State will also be evaluated.

2. Deferred Dismantlement

This alternative would involve keeping the defueled S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants in protective storage for 30 years before dismantlement. Deferring dismantlement for 30 years would allow nearly all of the cobalt-60 radioactivity to decay away. Nearly all of the gamma radiation within the reactor plant comes from cobalt-60.

3. No Action

This alternative would involve keeping the defueled S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants in a protective storage indefinitely. Since there is some residual radioactivity with very long half lives such as nickel-59 in the defueled reactor plants, this alternative would leave this radioactivity at the Kesselring Site indefinitely.

4. Other Alternatives

Other alternatives include permanent on-site disposal. Such onsite disposal could involve building an entombment structure over the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants or developing a below ground disposal area at the Kesselring Site. Another alternative would be to remove the S3G and D1G Prototype reactor plants as two large reactor compartment packages for offsite disposal.

Preliminary Identification of Environmental Issues

The following issues, subject to consideration of comments received in response to public scoping, have been tentatively identified for analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement. This list is presented to facilitate public comment on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement. It is not intended to be all inclusive nor is it intended to be a predetermination of impacts.

1. Potential impacts to the public and on-site workers from radiological and non radiological releases caused by activities to be conducted within the context of the proposed action and alternatives.

2. Potential environmental impacts, including air and water quality impacts, caused by the proposed action and alternatives.

3. Potential transportation impacts as a result of the proposed action and alternatives.

4. Potential effect on endangered species, floodplain/wetlands, and archeological/historical sites as a result of the proposed action and alternatives.

5. Potential impacts from postulated accidents as a result of the proposed action and alternatives.

6. Potential socioeconomic impacts to the surrounding communities as a result of implementing the proposed actions and alternatives.

7. Potential cumulative impacts from the proposed action and other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

8. Potential irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources.

Public Scoping Meeting

The public scoping meeting will be chaired by a presiding officer but will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing; speakers will not be cross examined although the presiding officer and Naval Reactors representatives present may ask clarifying questions. To ensure that everyone has an adequate opportunity to speak, five minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Depending on the number of persons requesting to speak, the presiding officer may allow more time for elected officials, or speakers representing multiple parties, or organizations. Persons wishing to speak on behalf of organizations should identify the organization. Persons wishing to speak may either notify Mr. Baitinger in writing at the address provided above or register at the meeting. As time permits, individuals who have spoken subject to the five minute rule will be afforded additional speaking time. Written comments also will be accepted at the meeting.

Issued at Arlington, VA this 13th day of August 1996.

B. DeMars,

Admiral, U.S. Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP95-408-000 and RP95-408-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

August 15, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this preceding will be convened on Thursday, August 22, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. and, if necessary, Friday August 23, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.214).