

For further information concerning these investigations see the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

**Authority:** These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rule.

By order of the Commission.  
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**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is soliciting public comments on the proposed information collection described below. The proposed information collection will be sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection must be submitted on or before June 12, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Ms. Susan Daisey, Assistant Director, Grants Office, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 311, Washington, D.C. 20506, or by email to: [sdaisey@neh.gov](mailto:sdaisey@neh.gov). Telephone: 202-606-8494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Endowment for the Humanities will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies. NEH is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the

validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Title of Proposal:** Generic Clearance Authority for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**OMB Number:** 3136-0134.

**Affected Public:** Applicants to NEH grant programs, reviewers of NEH grant applications, and NEH grantees.

**Total Respondents:** 20,563.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Responses:** 20,569.

**Average Time per Response:** Varied according to type of information collection.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 91,301 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request. The will also become a matter of public record.

**John W. Roberts,**

Deputy Chairman.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304]

### Commonwealth Edison Company, Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Receipt and Availability for Comment of the Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report and Notice of Public Meeting

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is in receipt of and is making available for public comment, the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 (ZNPS), located in Zion, Illinois.

ZNPS has been shut down since February 1997. Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) certified the permanent shutdown on February 13,

1998, and on March 9, 1998, certified that all fuel had been removed from the reactor vessels. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(a)(2), upon docketing of the certifications, the facility operating license no longer authorizes ComEd to operate the reactor or to load fuel into the reactor vessel. By letter dated February 14, 2000, ComEd submitted its PSDAR to the Commission in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.82.

In the PSDAR, ComEd has identified the planned decommissioning activities and schedule for ZNPS, provided an estimate of expected costs, and discussed the reasons for concluding that the environmental impacts associated with site-specific decommissioning activities are bounded by the appropriate previously issued environmental impact statements. ComEd has chosen to put ZNPS in a safe storage condition until 2013 at which time decontamination and dismantlement activities are scheduled to begin.

The Commission staff will conduct a public meeting at the Zion-Benton High School, 3901 21st Street, Zion, Illinois on April 26, 2000 to provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues and concerns related to the ZNPS PSDAR. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m.-10 p.m., and will be moderated by Dr. Donald Moon and Mr. Peter Cioni. This meeting is a formal part of the decommissioning process. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the NRC staff and ComEd representatives and to make comments related to the PSDAR. The meeting will be transcribed. For more information, contact Dino C. Scaletti, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-1104.

The PSDAR is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room located at the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and is accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Dino C. Scaletti,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366]

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company and Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) has submitted an application for renewal of operating licenses DPR-57 and NPF-5 for an additional 20 years of operation at the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Hatch). Hatch is located in Appling County, Georgia. The application for renewal was submitted by letter dated February 29, 2000, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54. A notice of receipt of application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2000 (65 FR 13061). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for renewal of the facility operating license was published in the **Federal Register** on April 3, 2000 (65 FR 17543). 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), SNC submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51 and is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC, 20003-1527. In addition, the Appling County Library, located at 242 East Parker Street, Baxley, GA, 31513, has agreed to make the ER available for public inspection.

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 Hatch 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:

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, Southern Nuclear Operating 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 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.

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 this public meeting.

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 Hatch license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meeting will be held at the small auditorium at the Southeastern Technical Institute 3001 East First Street, Vidalia, Georgia, on Wednesday, May 10, 2000. 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 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 SNC of the proposed action, Hatch 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. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting Mr. James H. Wilson by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 1108, or by Internet to the NRC at hatcheis@nrc.gov no later than May 5, 2000. 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