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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0073]

Stakeholder Input on Best Practices for Establishment and Operation of Local Community Advisory Boards in Response to a Portion of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Public meetings and webinar; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is undertaking activities to develop a report identifying best practices for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) associated with decommissioning activities, including lessons learned from existing boards, as required by the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA). As part of developing the report, the NRC is hosting 11 public meetings and a public webinar to consult with host States, communities within the emergency planning zone of an applicable nuclear power reactor, and existing local CABs. In addition to these public meetings and public webinar, the NRC has developed a questionnaire to collect information regarding the areas identified in NEIMA with respect to the creation and operation of CABs. The results of the meetings, along with any other data received as a result of the NRC's information collection activities associated with the NEIMA Section 108, will be captured in a best practices report that will be submitted to Congress.

DATES: Comments must be filed by November 15, 2019. Public meetings and a public webinar to discuss best practices and lessons learned associated with CABs at decommissioning nuclear power reactors have been taking and will take place from August

through October of 2019. Specific details regarding the dates, times, locations, and other logistical information for the public meetings and public webinar can be found on the NRC's public Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2019-0073**. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; e-mail: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlayna Vaaler Doell, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3178; e-mail: NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2019-0073** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2019-0073**.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):**

You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "[Begin Web-based ADAMS Search](#)." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdresource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID **NRC-2019-0073** in your comment submission. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Introduction

The NRC is coordinating activities in accordance with Section 108 of NEIMA to develop a report identifying best practices for establishment and operation of CABs. The contents of this report, scheduled to be issued to Congress no later than July 14, 2020, will include (1) a description of the type of topics that might be brought before a CAB; (2) how the board's input could inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities; how the board could interact with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders; and (3) how the board could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process. The report will also include a discussion of the composition of existing CABs and best practices identified during the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, the selection of board members, etc.

In developing a best practices report, and as required by NEIMA, the NRC is consulting with host States, communities within the emergency planning zone of an applicable nuclear power reactor, and existing CABs. This consultation includes hosting 11 Category 3 public meetings and at least 1 nationwide webinar. These public meetings are being held in locations that ensure geographic diversity across the United States, with priority given to States that (1) have a nuclear power reactor currently undergoing the decommissioning process; and (2) requested a public meeting under the provisions of NEIMA in accordance with the *Federal Register* (FR) notice published on March 18, 2019 (84 FR 9841). At NRC Category 3 public meetings, the public is invited to participate by providing comments and asking questions.

In addition to these public meetings, the NRC has developed a questionnaire to collect information regarding the areas identified in NEIMA with respect to the creation and operation of CABs. The NRC is requesting responses from existing CABs in the vicinity of power reactors undergoing decommissioning, similar established stakeholder groups, or local government

organizations. The questionnaire is available at <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-local-comm-advisory-board-questionnaire.html>.

III. Category 3 Public Meeting Dates and Locations

Consistent with the consultation requirements in NEIMA Section 108, the NRC received requests for and identified the areas surrounding 11 nuclear power reactors as locations to host public meetings to discuss best practices and lessons learned for establishment and operation of CABs.

Public meetings have been held near the following eight reactors:

- (1) Palisades Nuclear Generating Station in Covert, Michigan, on August 21, 2019;
- (2) Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant in Eureka, California, on August 26, 2019;
- (3) Diablo Canyon Power Plant in San Luis Obispo, California, on August 27, 2019;
- (4) San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in San Clemente, California, on August 29, 2019;
- (5) Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Vernon, Vermont, on September 10, 2019;
- (6) Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on September 11, 2019;
- (7) Kewaunee Power Station in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, on September 24, 2019; and
- (8) Zion Nuclear Power Station in Zion, Illinois, on September 26, 2019.

The three remaining public meetings will be held near the following reactors:

(1) Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, New York, on October 2, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19232A505);

(2) Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Forked River, New Jersey, on October 3, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19232A504); and

(3) Crystal River 3 Nuclear Power Plant in Crystal River, Florida, on October 10, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19232A502).

Additionally, the NRC hosted a public webinar held on August 8, 2019, to obtain comments from individuals in other areas of the country.

Specific details regarding the dates, times, locations, and other logistical information for each of the meetings can be found on the NRC's NEIMA Section 108 public Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>. For information about attending the NEIMA Section 108 Category 3 public meetings, please see the public Web site listed above or contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

IV. Local Community Advisory Board Questionnaire

The NRC is seeking input from existing CABs in the vicinity of power reactors undergoing decommissioning, similar established stakeholder groups, or local government organizations regarding best practices and lessons learned associated with CABs at decommissioning nuclear power reactors. Comments may be submitted by November 15, 2019. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received by this date.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of September, 2019.

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