

Lodge Project, which includes a mine for the purpose of extracting rare earth element ores in the Black Hills National Forest in Crook County, Wyoming and a rare earth element processing plant in Weston County, Wyoming. In response to a notice filed in the **Federal Register**, see 80 FR 70,846 (Nov. 16, 2015), the Defenders of the Black Hills filed a Request for a Hearing dated January 14, 2016, and received by Office of the Secretary on January 15, 2016.

The Board is comprised of the following Administrative Judges:

William J. Froehlich, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Nicholas G. Trikouros, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule. See 10 CFR 2.302.

Rockville, Maryland.

Dated: February 9, 2016.

E. Roy Hawkens,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-043-ESP; ASLBP No. 15-943-01-ESP-BD01]

Atomic Safety And Licensing Board; Before Administrative Judges: Paul S. Ryerson, Chairman, Dr. Gary S. Arnold, Dr. Craig M. White; In the Matter of PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC (Early Site Permit Application); Notice of Hearing

February 8, 2016.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board gives notice that, pursuant to section 189a(1)(A) of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. 2239(a)(1)(A), and 10 CFR 52.21, it will convene an uncontested mandatory hearing on March 24, 2016 to receive testimony and exhibits regarding an application from PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC (collectively PSEG) for a 10 CFR part 52, subpart A Early Site Permit (ESP).¹ In its ESP application, PSEG proposes a site for a potential nuclear power facility adjacent

to two existing facilities in Salem County, New Jersey (the PSEG Site).² This mandatory hearing will concern safety and environmental matters relating to the proposed issuance of the requested ESP.³

I. Hearing Date, Time, and Location

The evidentiary hearing will commence on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. EDT, and, if necessary, will continue day-to-day thereafter until concluded. The evidentiary hearing will take place in the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel's hearing room, located within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's headquarters at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Members of the public who wish to observe the mandatory hearing are advised to arrive early. Security measures will include searches of handcarried items such as briefcases or backpacks.

II. Limited Appearance Statements

No petition was received in response to the NRC's notice in the **Federal Register** of an opportunity to seek to intervene.⁴ Participation in the evidentiary hearing will be limited to the designated witnesses and counsel for the parties.

Prior to the evidentiary hearing, any person (other than a party or the representative of a party to this proceeding) may nonetheless submit a written limited appearance statement pursuant to 10 CFR 2.315(a) that sets forth a position on matters related to this proceeding. Limited appearance statements should be emailed to hearing.docket@nrc.gov. As provided by NRC regulations, however, no limited appearance statement shall be considered as evidence.⁵

III. Document Availability

Documents relating to this proceeding (including any updated or revised scheduling information regarding the evidentiary hearing) are available for public inspection electronically on the NRC's Electronic Hearing Docket (EHD). EHD is accessible from the NRC Web site at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>. For additional information regarding the EHD please see <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/>

² The existing nuclear power facilities are Salem Generating Station Units 1 and 2 and Hope Creek Generating Station Unit 1. Safety Evaluation of the Early Site Permit Application in the Matter of PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC for the PSEG Early Site Permit Site (Sept. 29, 2015) at 1-1 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14302A447).

³ See Licensing Board Order (Initial Scheduling Order) (Nov. 16, 2015) at Attach. A (unpublished).

⁴ See 75 FR 68,625.

⁵ 10 CFR 2.315(a).

[adjudicatory.html#ehd](#). Persons who do not have access to the internet or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located on the NRC's Web site may contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff by email to pdr@nrc.gov or by telephone at (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737. Reference staff are available Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ET, except federal holidays. For additional information regarding the NRC Public Document Room please see <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/pdr.html>.

It is so ordered.

For The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Rockville, Maryland.

Dated: February 8, 2016.

Paul S. Ryerson,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2016-0026]

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Biweekly notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 189a. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from January 16, 2016, to February 1, 2016. The last biweekly notice was published on February 2, 2016.

DATES: Comments must be filed by March 17, 2016. A request for a hearing must be filed by April 18, 2016.

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

¹ See 75 FR 68,624, 68,624 (Nov. 8, 2010).