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with alternatives added...

did you catch section 5.4.1 - radiological exposure pathways?

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Transmission Lines

Section 2.2.2

It may be necessary to obtain further descriptions of the transmission corridors with regard to terrestrial and cultural issues. Section 3.7 refers to surveys completed on topic during original application, but no details are provided.

Sections 2.5.3, 4.1.3, and 5.1.3

Details of cultural resource surveys and identified cultural resources for the transmission line corridors are not clear.

No details for cultural resources located within the transmission line corridors were provided or indication of monitoring, or avoidance measures that may be implemented to avoid such resources, if any. It is also unclear if cumulative and/or secondary impacts resulting from modifications to the docking facilities and discharge structure and potential off-site activities associated with the need for borrow material described in Section 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 have been adequately addressed in the ER.

No indication of SHPO comments on these resources.

Section 5.1.2

Seasonal access to transmission corridors that cross land in agricultural or other productive use is not explicitly addressed. To assess cumulative impacts, some additional descriptive information may be required. In addition, impacts of the activities required to re-energize the transmission lines (listed in Section 3.7) need to be addressed.

Section 5.6.2

Need reference to procedures used by TVA for ROW maintenance near aquatic ecosystems.

Cultural Resources

Sections 2.5.3, 4.1.3, and 5.1.3

Only the Alabama SHPO and affected Tribes in the region were contacted. More effort to contact historical organizations or family members who may continue to visit the two historic cemeteries located in closed proximity to the BLN site may be warranted.

One of the five archaeological sites (1JA111) located on the BLN site has not been formally evaluated but is described as "potentially eligible". A formal evaluation has not been completed and would be necessary if the site cannot be avoided.

Additional correspondence beyond initial correspondence between SHPO and the archaeological contractor and NuStart and SHPO and TVA was referenced but not included.

A cultural and historical overview is not included. A general/brief description of the cultural and historical context for the region would be helpful for understanding significance of resources being affected. It is also unclear if cumulative and/or secondary impacts resulting from modifications to the docking facilities and discharge structure and potential off-site activities associated with the need for borrow material described in Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 have been adequately addressed in the ER.

ER indicates that TVA intends to develop a plan of action to address NAGPRA and an MOA to address conditions of construction monitoring. Proposed contents of the subject plan of action and MOA were not included.

Environmental Justice

Section 2.5.4

Provide information on any organizations contacted to locate and assess uniquely vulnerable minority and low-income communities located on or near the proposed station site.

Need more information regarding identification and analysis of any unique minority or low-income communities within each environmental-impact area that are likely to be disproportionately affected by the proposed project construction or operation.

Section 4.4.3

Provide indication that analysis is based on community-specific information. Assumptions that there are no particular pathways or vulnerabilities relevant to the minority populations in the area is not supported and therefore limiting consideration to whether the overall impacts would be enough to affect the minority population (as they would affect anyone else) is inadequate.

Need detailed explanation of method of assessment (qualitative or quantitative, as appropriate) of the degree to which each minority or low-income population would disproportionately experience adverse human health or environmental (including socioeconomic) impacts during construction as compared with the entire geographic area. A referenceable source for this information is needed.

Need detailed explanation of method of assessment (qualitative or quantitative, as appropriate) of the significance or potential significance of such environmental impacts on each minority and low-income population. A referenceable source for this information is needed.

Need detailed explanation of assessment of the degree to which each minority and low-income population would disproportionately receive any benefits compared with the entire geographic area. . A referenceable source for this information is needed.

Section 5.8.3

Provide analysis of special pathways or vulnerabilities pertinent to minority populations. A referenceable source for this information is needed.

Transportation

Sections 3.8 and 7.4

The analysis in Sec 3.8 incorrectly assumes NRC has approved higher enrichments and burnup levels for advanced reactors and cites NUREG-1437 and NUREG-1555 as basis. A full and detailed analysis of transportation impacts is not provided as required by 10 CFR 51.52(b).

Shipping distances from the proposed reactor site to the spent fuel disposal facility were not provided.

Severe Accidents

Section 7.2

Information is needed on why current census data are used with no projection to start up time.

There is no discussion as to potential changes in land use.

Need to provide modeling details for surface water pathway results given in ER. Also need to provide some information on groundwater pathway.

Alternatives

Section 9.2.3

Decommissioning costs were not directly addressed for the alternatives.

Section 9.3

The description of how the site selection process was used to identify and select the ROI and potential, candidate, and alternative sites lacks detail and current references. More information is needed regarding the exact condition of the sites (for brownfields) – both how TVA left them when it ceased construction and sold the sites and the current land-use activities on the sites. All references are dated. The key studies cited are all the original EISs completed in 1974, 1975, 1977, and 1978. There are no updated references.