

March 27, 2012

Mr. John R. Griffin, Secretary
Maryland Department
of Natural Resources
Tawes State Office Building
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT INDEPENDENT
SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION LICENSE RENEWAL
(DOCKET No.: 72-8)

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has received an application from Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant LLC (CCNPP) to renew NRC special nuclear materials license SNM-2505 for the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) on the CCNPP site near Lusby, Maryland. CCNPP is requesting that its NRC license for the ISFSI be renewed for a 40-year period. The NRC staff has prepared the enclosed Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), for this proposed licensing action and is requesting your agency's comments. If possible, please provide comments within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter.

The NRC is also conducting a safety evaluation of the CCNPP request, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.42. The results of the safety evaluation will be documented in a separate Safety Evaluation Report.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Mr. James Park of my staff. Mr. Park can be reached by telephone at 301-415-6935 or by electronic mail to James.Park@nrc.gov.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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Sincerely,

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