concludes that there would be no disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low-income populations and that federally listed threatened and endangered species would not be affected by the continued operation of the PI ISFSI during the proposed license renewal period.

The NRC staff is also performing a detailed safety analysis of the NSPM’s license renewal application to assess compliance with 10 CFR part 20, “Standards for Protection Against Radiation,” and 10 CFR part 72, “Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level Radioactive Waste, and Reactor-Related Greater Than Class C Waste.” The NRC staff’s analysis will be documented in a separate safety evaluation report (SER). The NRC staff’s decision whether to renew the NSPM’s PI ISFSI license as proposed will be based on the results of the NRC staff’s review as documented in the final EA, the final FONSI, and in the SER.

Based on its review of the proposed action in the EA relative to the requirements set forth in 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has determined that renewal of NRC license SNM–2506, which would authorize continued operation of the PI ISFSI in Goodhue County, Minnesota, for an additional 40 years, will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. No significant changes in NSPM’s authorized operations for the PI ISFSI were requested as part of the license renewal application. Approval of the proposed action would not result in any new construction or expansion of the existing ISFSI footprint beyond that previously approved. The ISFSI is a passive facility that produces no liquid or gaseous effluents. No significant radiological or nonradiological impacts are expected from continued normal operations. Occupational dose estimates from routine monitoring activities and transfer of spent fuel for disposal are expected to be at or below reasonable achievable levels and are expected to be within the limits of 10 CFR 20.1201.

The estimated annual dose to the nearest potential member of the public from ISFSI activities is 0.02 millisieverts/year (mSv/yr) [2.20 millirem/year (mrem/yr)], which is below the 0.25 mSv/yr [25 mrem/yr] limit specified in 10 CFR 72.104(a) and the 1 mSv/yr (100 mrem/yr) limit in 10 CFR 20.1301(a)(1).

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on its review of the proposed action, in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action, amendment of NRC Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM–2506 for the PI ISFSI located in Goodhue County, Minnesota, will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the NRC staff has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed action and a FONSI is appropriate.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Marissa G. Bailey, Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Environmental Review, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 

A. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2009–0552 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document by the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2009–0552. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• Mail comments to: Cindy Bladley, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–12 H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

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

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Please include Docket ID NRC–2009–0552 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

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 http://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 submissions into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

On January 27, 2010 (75 FR 4427), the NRC notified the public of its opportunity to participate in the scoping process associated with the preparation of an EIS related to the review of the license renewal application submitted by PG&E for the renewal of the operating licenses for an additional 20 years of operation at DCPP. The application for license renewal, which included an environmental report (ER), dated November 23, 2009 (ADAMS Package No. ML093340125), was submitted pursuant to part 54 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR). A separate notice of receipt and availability of the application was published in the Federal Register on December 11, 2009 (74 FR 65811). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and opportunity for hearing regarding renewal of the facility operating license was published in the Federal Register on January 21, 2010 (75 FR 3493). The scoping period closed on April 12, 2010. By letter dated April 10, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML111010502), PG&E requested the NRC to delay final processing of the license renewal application to allow time for the completion of certain seismic studies to address concerns raised during the State of California’s Coastal Zone Management Act consistency review. On May 31, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11138A315), the NRC delayed all further milestones associated with the safety and environmental reviews of the DCPP license renewal application.

On December 22, 2014 (ADAMS Package No. ML14364A259), and February 25, 2015 (ADAMS Package No. ML15057A102), PG&E amended its ER to provide additional information identified by NRC staff as necessary to complete the review of the DCPP license renewal application. By letter dated April 28, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15104A509), the NRC staff issued a schedule for the remainder of the DCPP license renewal review. The purpose of this notice is to (1) inform the public that the NRC has decided to reopen the scoping process, as defined in 10 CFR 51.29, “Scoping-environmental impact statement and supplement to environmental impact statement,” and (2) allow members of the public an additional opportunity to participate. The comments already received by the NRC will be considered; reopening of the scoping process provides additional opportunity for the public to comment on issues that may have emerged since completion of the last scoping period. As outlined in § 800.8 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR), “Coordination With the National Environmental Policy Act,” the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Under § 800.8(c) the NRC intends to use its process and documentation for the preparation of the EIS on the proposed action to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA in lieu of the procedures set forth in § 800.3 through 800.6. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.53(c) and 10 CFR 54.23, PG&E submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR part 51 and is publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML093340123 (original) and Package Nos. ML14364A259 (amendment 1) and ML15057A102 (amendment 2). The ER may also be viewed on the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/diablo-canyon.html. In addition, copies of the ER are available for public review near the site at the San Luis Obispo County Library, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93403 and at the Paso Robles City Library, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California 93446.

This document advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant specific supplement to the NRC’s “Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants” (NUREG–1437, Revision 1), related to the review of the application for renewal of the DCPP operating licenses for an additional 20 years.

Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. The NRC is required by 10 CFR 51.95 to prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and the NRC’s regulations found at 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 the scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, 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 EIIs 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 reviews and consultation requirements related to the proposed action;

f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of the environmental analyses and the Commission’s tentative planning and decision-making schedule;

g. Specify 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; and

h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared and include any contractor assistance to be used.
The NRC invites the following entities to participate in scoping:

a. The applicant, PG&E;

b. Any Federal agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved or which is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

c. Affected State and local agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

d. Any affected Indian tribe;

e. Any person who has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process;

f. Any person who has petitioned for leave to intervene in the proceeding or who has been admitted as a party to the proceeding.

III. Public Scoping 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 public meetings for the DCPP license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meetings will be held on August 5, 2015, and there will be two sessions to accommodate interested persons. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. Both sessions will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott San Luis Obispo, 1605 Calle Joaquin Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) 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. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. Written comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed above.

Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meetings on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting the NRC Project Manager, Michael Wentzel, by telephone at 1–800–368–5642, extension 6459, or by email at Michael.Wentzel@nrc.gov, no later than July 31, 2015. 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 available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. Michael Wentzel will need to be contacted no later than July 22, 2015, if special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

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. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached; including the significant issues identified, and will send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection in ADAMS and the Federal Rulemaking Web site. The NRC staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of a separate notice and separate public meetings. Copies will be available for public inspection at the addresses listed in the ADDRESSES section of this Federal Register notice. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of June, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian Wittick,
Chief, Projects Branch 2, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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