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SUBJECT: PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
APRIL 6, 2020, REQUEST FOR MEETINGS REGARDING PROPOSED  
TRANSFER OF THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 2  
LICENSE

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

Thank you for your April 6, 2020, letter addressed to Chairman Svinicki. This letter supplements our April 24 response (Agencywide Document Access Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML20114E321) and addresses the requests your letter for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) executive staff to brief Pennsylvania state and local officials regarding the proposed transfer of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 (TMI-2) license and for the NRC to hold an additional public meeting on the TMI-2 Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR).

Relative to the first request, it is standard practice for NRC staff to conduct government-to-government meetings with state and local officials whenever requested, to discuss NRC-regulated topics related to decommissioning facilities. In this current climate of limited travel and social interaction, we would anticipate that any such meeting would be conducted remotely. As indicated in our April 24 letter, since the license transfer application is under review, the NRC will not be able to discuss specifics of the license transfer application. The NRC staff will be able to discuss the license transfer process generically.

Relative to the second request, consistent with its regulations, the NRC held a public meeting on the TMI-2 PSDAR near the site on August 28, 2013. Although the PSDAR was subsequently updated in November 2013 and December 2015 to reflect updated cost figures and analyses, as well as revised agreements and administrative clarifications, the NRC's regulations require written notification of these updates to the NRC, with a copy to the affected State. The NRC has not conducted additional public meetings at any reactor decommissioning sites based on PSDAR updates. Additionally, since it is contingent on the completion of the proposed license transfer, the NRC staff is treating the December 2019 update to the TMI-2 PSDAR as a supplement to the license transfer application.

The NRC is not planning an additional public meeting specifically on the TMI-2 PSDAR. However, NRC staff has, upon request, attended and participated in public meetings in the vicinity of decommissioning nuclear reactors to better understand community concerns and

clarify NRC's role in the decommissioning process. NRC staff would consider participation in a public meeting in the vicinity of TMI-2, consistent with any limitations during the hearing process, as well as current travel and safety restrictions.

Please contact Doug Tiftt in the NRC Region I office (Doug.Tiftt@nrc.gov, 610-337-6918) to coordinate a government-to-government meeting. Please contact Theodore Smith (Theodore.Smith@nrc.gov, 301-415-6721) or Bruce Watson (Bruce.Watson@nrc.gov, 301-415-6221) in the Reactor Decommissioning Branch if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

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