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**SUBJECT: SCHEDULE REVISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE
BYRON STATION AND BRAIDWOOD STATION LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION – ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (TAC NOS. MF1790,
MF1791, MF1792, AND MF1793)**

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

By letter dated May 29, 2013, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon), submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 54, to renew the operating licenses for Byron Station (Byron) and Braidwood Station (Braidwood), for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. This letter is to inform you of a change in the environmental review schedule for the Byron license renewal review.

On September 19, 2014, the Commission published its final rule for the Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel. As a result of resource commitments associated with implementing the final rule, the Byron environmental review schedule has changed. Enclosed is the revised schedule for the environmental review of the Byron license renewal application that ensures the final rule is accounted for in the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). The schedule has been updated to reflect a change in the date of the issuance of the draft SEIS for Byron. The projected date for issuance of the draft SEIS for Byron is being revised from October 2014, to December 2014.

The projected issuance date for the final SEIS for Byron has not changed and is scheduled for July 2015. The projected issuance dates for the draft and final SEIS for Braidwood have not changed and are scheduled for January 2015, and September 2015, respectively. In addition, there is no change in the safety review schedule.

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If you have any questions on this revised schedule, please contact the NRC's Environmental Project Manager for Byron, Ms. Lois James, at 301-415-3306 or by e-mail at lois.james@nrc.gov or NRC's Environmental Project Manager for Braidwood, Mr. Tam Tran, at 301-415-3617 or by e-mail at tam.tran@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Christopher G. Miller, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-454, 50-455; 50-456, and 50-457

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**BYRON STATION AND BRAIDWOOD STATION
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Milestones	Schedule Date	Actual Date
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	05/29/13	05/29/13
Publish Federal Register Notice (FRN) – LRA availability	06/2013	06/13/13
Publish FRN – acceptance/rejection and opportunity for hearing	07/2013	07/24/13
Publish FRN – environmental scoping meeting	07/2013	08/06/13
Audit – Scoping & Screening Methodology 1 (at Byron)	07/2013	07/2013
Audit – Aging Management Programs 1 (at Byron)	08/2013	08/2013
Public Meeting - License Renewal Overview and Environmental Scoping meetings	08/20/13- 08/21/13	08/20/13 (Byron) 08/21/13 (Braidwood)
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	09/2013	09/23/13
Audit – Environmental (Byron)	09/2013	09/19/13
Environmental scoping period ends	09/2013	09/27/13
Audit – Scoping & Screening Methodology 2 (at Braidwood)	10/2013	12/02/13- 12/04/13
Audit – Aging Management Programs 2 (at Braidwood)	10/2013	12/02/13- 12/06/13
Audit – Environmental (Braidwood)	11/2013	11/19/13
Regional Inspection (Byron)	08/2014	8/4/14-8/8/14 and 8/22/14
Regional Inspection (Braidwood)	09/2014	9/15/14- 9/26/14
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open items	11/2014	
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) - Byron	12/2014	
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee meeting	12/2014	
Publish FRN – Byron draft SEIS available for comments	01/2015	
Issue draft SEIS - Braidwood	01/2015	
Publish FRN – Braidwood draft SEIS available for comments	01/2015	
Public Meeting – Byron draft SEIS meeting	02/2015	
Public Meeting – Braidwood draft SEIS meeting	02/2015	

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Milestones	Schedule Date	Actual Date
End of draft SEIS comment period – Byron	03/2015	
End of draft SEIS comment period – Braidwood	03/2015	
Issue final SER	04/2015	
ACRS full committee meeting	05/2015	
Issue final SEIS – Byron	07/2015	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FRN Published – availability of final SEIS – Byron	08/2015	
Issue final SEIS – Braidwood	09/2015	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FRN Published – availability of final SEIS – Braidwood	09/2015	
Decision – Director, NRR	11/2015	
Commission decision, if hearing granted	TBD	

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