

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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In the matter of:	)	Docket No. 07-AB-1632
	)	Docket No. 08-IEP-1F
Preparation of the <i>AB 1632 Nuclear Power</i>	)	
<i>Plant Assessment Report, 2008 Integrated</i>	)	
<i>Energy Policy Report Update, and the 2009</i>	)	NOTICE OF COMMITTEE
<i>Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>	)	WORKSHOP

## Notice of Committee Workshop and Report Availability

### Assembly Bill 1632 Nuclear Power Plant Assessment

The Electricity and Natural Gas Committee and the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Committee will conduct a joint public workshop to review the draft *AB 1632 Committee Report: An Assessment of California's Nuclear Power Plants*. Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron is the Presiding Member and Vice Chair James D. Boyd is the Associate Member of the Electricity and Natural Gas Committee. Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron is the Presiding Member and Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel is the Associate Member of the IEPR Committee. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission may attend and participate in this workshop. The workshop will be held on:

**MONDAY, October 20, 2008**  
9 a.m.  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

<b>DOCKET</b>
<b>08-IEP-1F</b>

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Audio from this hearing will be broadcast over the Internet.  
For details, please go to: [www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/)

To participate in the workshop by phone,  
please call (888) 566-5914 by 9:00 a.m.  
Passcode: IEPR Call Leader: Suzanne Korosec

### Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to present the draft *AB 1632 Committee Report: An Assessment of California's Nuclear Power Plants*, prepared in response to the AB 1632 legislation, and to solicit the public's comments on the draft report. The draft report will be

available Friday, October 10 at the Energy Commission's website at:  
[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/documents/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/documents/index.html).

The draft report provides findings and policy recommendations resulting from the Energy Commission's AB 1632 assessment. It is based on a consultant report prepared for the Energy Commission by an interdisciplinary study team led by MRW & Associates that is available online at the above web address. It considers the seismic vulnerabilities of the nuclear plant sites, structures and spent fuel storage facilities and the vulnerability of the plants to age-related degradation. The report also considers the impacts of a major disruption at these plants on the reliability of California's transmission grid and power supply. Finally, the report considers a number of policy areas related to California's operating nuclear power plants, including the cost, land use, and local economic impacts of nuclear waste accumulation at the plant sites; the economic and environmental tradeoffs among alternative power supply options; and potential implications of renewing the operating licenses of these plants.

## **Background**

In 2006 the California Legislature enacted AB 1632 (Blakeslee, Chapter 722, Statutes of 2006; codified as Public Resources Code 25303), which directs the Energy Commission to assess the potential vulnerability of California's largest baseload power plants greater than 1700 megawatts to a major disruption due to a seismic event or plant aging, potential impacts of such a disruption, the costs and impacts from waste accumulating at these plants, and major issues related to the future role of these plants in the state. California's two operating nuclear power plants, Diablo Canyon and the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), are the only two California plants meeting the 1700-megawatt baseload criterion. The AB 1632 assessment must be included in the California Energy Commission's 2008 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update, which is scheduled for adoption in November 2008.

Diablo Canyon and SONGS contribute a significant portion of California's electricity supply. These plants are located in seismically active zones along California's central and southern coast. In addition, they generate spent nuclear fuel, which will be stored at the plants indefinitely until the federal government develops a permanent means for nuclear waste disposal.

The Energy Commission held a public workshop on December 12, 2007, to present and receive public comments on a draft study plan for the AB 1632 assessment, which was then finalized in January 2008 (available on-line at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/documents/2008-01-30\\_STUDY\\_PLAN.PDF](http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/documents/2008-01-30_STUDY_PLAN.PDF)). A consultant's draft report was released on September 12 (available on-line at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/documents>) and presented and discussed at a workshop on September 25. Comments on the draft consultant report were due October 2. Transcripts for the September 25 workshop and public comments are available online at the above address. A workshop on the Draft Committee Report will be held on Monday, October 20, 2008. The Energy Commission plans to release the Final Committee Report on October 30. The Energy Commission will consider the Final Committee Report for adoption on November 5, 2008, and include a

summary of the report's findings in the *2008 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update* report.

### **Workshop Participation and Comments**

The Committees are seeking the active participation of interested parties in discussing the Draft Committee Report. Interested parties are encouraged to present their views either orally at the workshop or through written comments. If you wish to present your comments at this workshop, you may contact Barbara Byron at (916) 654-4976 or by e-mail at [bbyron@energy.state.ca.us] by October 17, 2008. Requests for participation on the day of the workshop will be accommodated to the extent that time allows. The Committees will take general comments from the public immediately following the presentations on the draft report.

The Committees request that written comments on the draft report be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2008**. Please include docket numbers **07-AB-1632** and **08-IEP-1F** and please indicate **AB 1632 Assessment** in the subject line or initial paragraph of your comments. The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's name in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or Portable Document Format (PDF) to [[docket@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us)]. One paper copy must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Dockets Unit at the address shown below.

Parties may also submit comments in hard copy. Please hand deliver or mail an original to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No.07-AB-1632 and **08-IEP-1F**  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Workshop participants also may provide an original paper copy at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

### **Public Participation**

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Elena Miller, provides public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you would like information on how to participate in this workshop, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll-free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [[publicadvisor@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.state.ca.us)]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days before the workshop.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us)]. For technical questions regarding the subject matter

of the workshop or about the AB 1632 Assessment, please contact Barbara Byron, Program Manager, at (916) 654-4976 or by email at [bbyron@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:bbyron@energy.state.ca.us).

For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Suzanne Korosec, Assistance Director of Policy Development, by phone at (916) 654-4516 or by e-mail at [skorosec@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:skorosec@energy.state.ca.us). Notices and documents for the AB 1632 proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1632/>.

When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy-policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/>.

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