



# WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY

Key Developments, Highlights and News

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCHEDULE UPDATE

The license renewal schedule has been delayed by one month to accommodate the additional time necessary to submit clarifications to our RAI (Request for Additional Information) responses. The responses provide additional information regarding potential license conditions and commitments requested by the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission).

Below is the revised license renewal review schedule, including significant milestones. Westinghouse will keep the NRC staff informed of any Interim Remedial Investigation activities and schedule changes.

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Revised License Renewal Schedule for the  
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC  
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility  
Docket 70-1151  
SNM -1107**

Milestone	Previous Date	Revised Date
Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and begin the scoping process published in the <i>Federal Register</i> (85 FR 46193)	July 31, 2020(A)	July 31, 2020(A)
End of 30-day scoping comment period	August 31, 2020(A)	August 31, 2020(A)
Issuance of NRC's Requests for Additional Information (RAIs)	November 3, 2020 (A)	November 3, 2020 (A)
WEC's Responses to NRC's RAIs	December 18, 2021 (A)	December 18, 2020(A)
Publication of Draft EIS <sup>1</sup> for a 45-day comment period	June 2021(T)	July 2021 (T)
Publication of the Final EIS	January 2022(T)	February 2022 (T)
Licensing Decision and Record of Decision <sup>2</sup>	February 2022 (T)	March 2022 (T)

(T) – Target  
(A) - Actual

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# CFFF OPERATIONS & REGULATORY NEWS

- On June 22nd, NRC inspectors visited the CFFF to observe, evaluate and grade Westinghouse's biannual exercise. The exercise is designed to test emergency response actions for plant evacuation and accountability, control of spilled material, assess plant conditions and potential hazards, and treatment of plant personnel with medical needs through emergency scenarios and comprehensive simulations. The NRC found no violations or issues with Westinghouse's emergency preparedness performance. External emergency responders included Columbia Fire, Richland County Emergency Services, SCDHEC, and Prisma Richland Hospital.
- 100% of East lagoon sludge has been stabilized, removed, and packaged for waste disposal.
- Liner removal and impacted soil excavation are underway. Sampling was completed to confirm no asbestos-containing material in the asphalt liner was found underneath the Hypalon liner. In addition, soil sampling underneath the liners was conducted to evaluate impacted soil before removal.
- Rail shipments of stabilized sludge waste were made in May. As a result, 55% of East lagoon sludge has been shipped to the disposal site in Idaho.
- Shared with DHEC the status of our assessment to date and the next steps for Remedial Investigation (RI) fieldwork. We completed additional groundwater screening and soil sampling for VOCs and presented them to DHEC. Overall, the implementation of the RI fieldwork is approximately 70% complete.
- CFFF will begin the remaining defined Remedial Investigation (RI) fieldwork in July. It is believed this fieldwork will complete the RI data collection and initiate the start of the Final RI report, a comprehensive summary that includes a risk assessment. The Final RI report is tentatively scheduled for submission to DHEC Spring 2022. Some of our RAI responses would be incorporated into the Final RI report, while others will be included in the Feasibility Study (FS). The FS will be completed after DHEC approves the Final RI Report. If the fieldwork identifies additional data collection needs, Westinghouse will continue to work with DHEC on additional work scope to close all data gaps to meet the requirements of the Consent Agreement.
- Completed the DHEC-approved sanitary lagoon sludge characterization plan.
- NRC License Renewal/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):
  - NRC provided an updated schedule for the EIS
    - Publication of Draft EIS for public comment: July 2021
    - Publication of Final EIS: February 2022
    - Record of Decision: March 2022