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## Providing preliminary work for proposed nuclear facility in Illinois

With CH2M HILL leading the site evaluations, Exelon Generation Company has announced a location for the first proposed U.S. nuclear power plant since 1979.

CH2M HILL conducted evaluations of two sites from which Exelon selected the Clinton site in DeWitt County, Ill. In addition, Exelon selected CH2M HILL for the next big step, preparation of an early site permit application to be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in June 2003.

The permit process examines a site for safety, environmental factors and emergency preparedness, and is the first stage in the commission's new licensing process. The application for the site permit is expected to take a year to prepare followed by a two-year review and approval period by the commission. Exelon also selected CH2M HILL as its partner to obtain cost sharing funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the early site permit demonstration.

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