

Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (4) (7) and (8).

3. Two (2) Personnel Actions. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

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Secretary of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Extension.

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR part 81, Standard Specifications for Granting of Patent Licenses.

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.

4. How often the collection is required:

Application for licenses are submitted once. Other reports are submitted annually or as other events require.

5. Who will be required or asked to report:

Applicants for and holder of NRC licenses to NRC inventions.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 0.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 0.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 35 hours; however, no applications are anticipated during the next three years.

9. An indication of whether section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

10. Abstract: 10 CFR part 81 establishes the standard specifications

for the issuance of licenses to rights in inventions covered by patents or patent applications invested in the United States, as represented by or in the custody of the Commission and other patents in which the Commission has legal rights.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by May 12, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0121), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-029-LA-R; ASLBP No. 99-754-01-LA-R]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Nuclear Power Station) License Termination Plan; Notice of Hearings

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Before Administrative Judges; Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman, Dr. Thomas S. Elleman, Thomas D. Murphy.

April 6, 1999

This proceeding concerns the application of Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) for approval of a License Termination Plan for the Yankee Nuclear Power Station, a nuclear facility located near the town of

Rowe, Franklin County, Massachusetts. On October 23, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ruled that two petitioners for intervention, the New England Coalition On Nuclear Pollution (NECNP) and the Citizens Awareness Network (CAN), had standing (CLI-98-21, 48 NRC 185), and it remanded the proceeding to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to determine whether the petitioners had any admissible contentions that would entitle them to a hearing. On October 26, 1998, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for this proceeding was reconstituted to rule upon the hearing requests and to preside over the proceeding in the event that a hearing was ordered. 63 FR 58432 (October 30, 1998).

After holding a prehearing conference in Greenfield, Massachusetts, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued a Prehearing Conference Order (LBP-99-14) on March 17, 1999, granting NECNP's and CAN's requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene. The Order also permitted the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to participate as an interested governmental entity pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.715(c).

Please take notice that a hearing will be conducted in this proceeding. The reconstituted Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to preside over the proceeding consists of Dr. Thomas S. Elleman, Thomas D. Murphy, and Charles Bechhoefer, who will serve as Chairman of the Board.

During the course of the proceeding, the Board may hold one or more prehearing conferences pursuant to 10 CFR 2.752 and, if necessary, an evidentiary hearing. The public is invited to attend all these sessions.

Supplementing the opportunity afforded at the first prehearing conference, during some or all of these sessions, and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.715(a), any person not a party to the proceeding will be permitted to make a limited appearance statement, either in writing or (depending on time availability) orally, setting forth his or her position on the issues. These statements do not constitute testimony or evidence but may assist the Board and/or parties in the definition of issues being considered. To the extent that oral statements are permitted, the number of persons making such statements and the time allotted for each may be limited depending upon the time available at various sessions. Written statements may be submitted at any time. Written statements, and requests to make oral limited appearance statements, should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington DC 20555, Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. A copy of such statement or request should also be served on the Chairman of this Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, T3 F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555.

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Local Public Document Room, Greenfield Community College, 1 College Drive, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301, as well as at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L St. NW, Washington DC 20555.

Rockville, MD, April 6, 1999.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-029]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an amendment to the Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC or licensee) license for the Yankee Nuclear Power Station (YNPS or plant) approving the License Termination Plan (LTP). YAEC submitted the LTP by letter dated May 15, 1997, by two separate letters dated December 18, 1997, and a fourth letter dated January 23, 1998. The plant is located in Rowe Township, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action is issuance of a license amendment approving the LTP. The LTP is required by regulations to include: (A) A site characterization; (B) identification of dismantlement activities not completed under the Post Shutdown Activities Report (PSDAR)/Decommissioning Plan at the time of submitting the LTP; (C) plans for site remediation; (D) detailed plans for the final radiation survey; (E) a description of the end use of the site, if restricted [The YAEC application does not include restrictions; therefore, this item is not included in YAEC's LRP]; (F) an updated site-specific estimate of remaining decommissioning costs; and

(G) a supplement to the environmental report describing any new information or significant environmental change associated with the licensee's proposed termination activities.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Issuance of an amendment approving the LTP will allow the licensee to implement its final radiation survey plan to allow for a determination as to whether the release criteria for unrestricted use of the site after the YAEC license is terminated have been met.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

Issuance of the amendment approving the LTP will not have any significant effect on accident risk and probability of any other environmental impact is extremely remote.

The staff's review of the four YAEC submittals of May 15, 1997, December 18, 1997 (2), and January 23, 1998, has concluded that the environmental and safety consequences of accidents that may potentially result in a radiological release are greatly decreased given the plant's permanently shutdown and defueled status and that the fuel has decayed for seven years since it was removed from the reactor.

The licensee does not propose any disposal or relocation of fuel by this action. The proposed action does not increase the probability or consequences of any accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, the proposed action would result in no significant radiological environmental impact.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other non-radiological environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

Because the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to deny the action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed

action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not evaluated in previous environmental reviews for the YNPS.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On October 22, 1998, in accordance with its stated policy, the staff consulted with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the environmental impact of the proposed actions. The Commonwealth official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the four YAEC submittals, referenced above, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room at the Greenfield Community College, 1 College Drive, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, April 1, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert A. Gramm,

Acting Director, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Guidance on the Benchmark Dose Modeling for the Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability; opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting comments on draft guidance for the radium benchmark dose approach, associated with the final rule, "Radiological Criteria for License