

IV. Summary Report of the Finance, Budget and Program Committee: February 2, 2006 Meeting. (Mr. Reich will be available to answer questions.)

- Treasurer's Report for the Quarter ending December 31, 2005. (Mr. Tuminaro will be available to answer questions.)

V. Resolution Recognizing Doug Dylla's Contributions.

#### Closed Session

After conclusion of the Discussion Agenda, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel issues concerning performance evaluations and compensation for the officers and internal audit director.

VI. Corporate Administration Committee Report: March 9, 2006, Mr. Hood.

#### Discussion Agenda

VII. Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Management Report: Mr. Wade.

- NHSA Update: Ms. Widener.

VIII. Katrina Rebuilding Initiative: Mr. Fitzgerald.

IX. Strategic Plan Update: Mr. Wade.

X. Adjournment: Chairman Curry.

**Jeffrey T. Bryson,**

*General Counsel/Secretary.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 62—"Criteria and Procedures for Emergency Access to Non-Federal and Regional Low-Level Waste Disposal Facilities."

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0158.

3. *How often the collection is required:* The collection would only be required upon application for an

exemption or when access to a non-Federal low-level waste disposal facility is denied, which results in a public health and safety and/or common defense and security concern.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Generators of low-level waste who are denied access to a non-Federal low-level waste facility.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 2 (No exemptions or requests for emergency access has been recorded to date).

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 233.

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 62 sets out the information which must be provided to the NRC by any low-level waste generator seeking emergency access to an operating low-level waste disposal facility. The information is required to allow NRC to determine if denial of disposal constitutes a serious and immediate threat to public health and safety or common defense and security. 10 CFR part 62 also provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the requirements in this Part upon application of an interested person or upon its own initiative.

Submit, by May 8, 2006 comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/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 about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-5 F53, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to [INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of March 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

### Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Final Determination of No Significant Hazards Consideration

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 229 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-28, issued to Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications (TSs) and License for operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) located in Windham County, Vermont. The amendment was effective as of the date of its issuance.

The amendment increases the maximum authorized power level for VYNPS from 1593 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 1912 MWt, which is an increase of approximately 20 percent. The increase in power level is considered an extended power uprate.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

The Commission published a "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing" related to this action in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 2004 (69 FR 39976). This Notice provided 60 days for the public to request a hearing. On August 30, 2004, the Vermont Department of Public Service and the New England Coalition filed requests for hearing in connection with the proposed amendment. By Order dated November 22, 2004, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) granted those hearing requests and by Order dated December 16, 2004, the ASLB issued its decision to conduct a hearing using the procedures in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L,

"Informal Hearing Procedures for NRC Adjudications."

The Commission published a "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination" related to this action in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1744). This Notice provided 30 days for public comment. The Commission received comments on the proposed no significant hazards consideration as discussed below.

Under its regulations, the Commission may issue and make an amendment immediately effective, notwithstanding the pendency before it of a request for a hearing from any person, in advance of the holding and completion of any required hearing, where it has determined that no significant hazards consideration is involved.

The Commission has applied the standards of 10 CFR 50.92 and has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. Public comments received on the proposed no significant hazards consideration determination were considered in making the final determination. The basis for this determination is contained in the Safety Evaluation related to this action. Accordingly, as described above, the amendment has been issued and made immediately effective and any hearing will be held after issuance.

The Commission published an Environmental Assessment related to the action in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2006 (71 FR 4614). Based on the Environmental Assessment, the Commission concluded that the action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 10, 2003, as supplemented by letters dated October 1, and October 28 (2 letters), 2003; January 31 (2 letters), March 4, May 19, July 2, July 27, July 30, August 12, August 25, September 14, September 15, September 23, September 30 (2 letters), October 5, October 7 (2 letters), December 8, and December 9, 2004; February 24, March 10, March 24, March 31, April 5, April 22, June 2, August 1, August 4, September 10, September 14, September 18, September 28, October 17, October 21 (2 letters), October 26, October 29, November 2, November 22, and December 2, 2005; January 10, and February 22, 2006,

which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of March, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Richard B. Ennis,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated January 25, 2006, as supplemented by the letter dated February 2, 2006, David Lochbaum, acting on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists and numerous other organizations and individuals, has requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to nuclear power reactors and research and test reactors licensed by the NRC that are either operating or undergoing decommissioning. The petitioners request that the NRC issue a Demand for Information (DFI) to each licensee for the subject facilities that would require them to provide information related to systems, programs, and monitoring activities related to the potential release of water contaminated with radioactive materials.

As the basis for this request, the petitioners describe several cases of contamination at nuclear facilities and the uncontrolled release of radioactively contaminated water from NRC-licensed facilities. The petitioners cite NRC regulations requiring licensees to have controls to limit the release of radioactive materials and to limit the radiation dose individuals receive from the operation of NRC-licensed facilities.

The petitioners request the issuance of a DFI to the subject licensees to verify compliance with NRC regulations and to support assessments of the potential public health threat from such releases of radioactively contaminated water.

The request is being treated pursuant to § 2.206 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 2.206). The request has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. As provided by 10 CFR 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this petition within a reasonable time.

A copy of the petition and the supplemental letter are available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) for inspection under Accession Nos. ML060330228 and ML060400179 at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of March 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Christopher I. Grimes,**

*Director, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Notice of Availability of Interim Staff Guidance Documents for Fuel Cycle Facilities

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**