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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 19th day of November 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Frank J. Miraglia,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of November 25, December 2, 9, and 16, 1996.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of November 25

Wednesday, November 27

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 2—Tentative

Friday, December 6

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 9—Tentative

Thursday, December 12

3:30 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 16—Tentative

Monday, December 16

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Inspection Criteria, Evolution of Assessment, and SALP System (Public Meeting)

Tuesday, December 17

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Chairman of Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Jose Cortez, 301-415-6596)

By a vote of 5-0 on November 13, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of EMERICK S. McDANIEL (Denial of Application for Reactor Operator License) LBP-96-17, Docket No. 55-21849-OT" be held on November 13, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (Recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: November 22, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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[Docket No. 50-309]

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company; Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station; Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has acted on a Petition for action under 10 CFR 2.206 received from Ms. Anne D. Burt, on behalf of Friends of the Coast—Opposing Nuclear Pollution, dated January 20, 1996, for the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station.

The Petition requests that the Commission take expedited action to (1) suspend the operating license of Maine Yankee pending resolution of the Petition; (2) examine and test by plug sampling—or other methods approved by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers—all large piping welds that may have been susceptible to micro-fissures at the time of construction; (3) reanalyze the Maine Yankee containment as one located in an area where seismic risk is not "low"; (4) reduce the licensed operating capacity of Maine Yankee to a level consistent with a flawed containment and/or flawed reactor coolant piping welds; (5) hold an informal public hearing in the area of the plant regarding the Petition; and (6) place the Petitioner on service and mailing lists relevant to the group's

interests in safety at Maine Yankee and intention to participate in all public forums opened by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

By letter dated May 13, 1996, the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), NRC, acknowledged the NRC's receipt of the Petition, and, for the reasons stated in the letter, denied Petitioner's request for immediate action suspending the operating license or reducing the licensed operating capacity of Maine Yankee (Requests 1 and, in part, 4). In addition, for reasons stated in the May 13, 1996, letter, the Director denied the Petitioner's request for an informal hearing (Request 5). The Director also stated in the May 13, 1996, letter that Petitioner's request that the NRC place Petitioner on service and mailing lists relevant to its interests in safety at Maine Yankee and its intention to participate in all public forums opened by the NRC (Request 6) was moot, as Petitioner's attorney had already been added to the Maine Yankee service list.

The Acting Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has now determined that no basis exists for taking any action in response to Requests 2, 3, and 4 of the Petition dated January 20, 1996. Accordingly, Requests 2, 3, and 4 have been denied for the reasons stated in the "Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-96-20), the complete text of which follows this notice and which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the local public document room located at the Wiscasset Public Library, High Street, P.O. Box 367, Wiscasset, Maine 04578. A copy of this Decision will be filed with the Secretary for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206. As provided by the regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance of the Decision unless the Commission on its own motion institutes a review of the Decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of November 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Frank J. Miraglia,
Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

I. Introduction

By letter dated January 20, 1996, Ms. Anne D. Burt filed a Petition with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206, on behalf of the Friends of the Coast—