

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,

Chairman Administrative Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-309]

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station; Notice of Receipt of and Availability for Comment of Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is in receipt of and is making available for public inspection and comment, the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (Maine Yankee) located in Lincoln County, Maine.

Maine Yankee has been shut down since December 6, 1996, and the reactor has been defueled since June 20, 1997. By letter dated August 7, 1997, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (the licensee) certified to the Commission permanent cessation of power operation at Maine Yankee and that fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor. By letter dated August 27, 1997, the licensee submitted its PSDAR to the Commission in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.82.

In the PSDAR the licensee has described the planned decommissioning activities and schedule for the Maine Yankee facility, provided an estimate of expected costs and discussed the reasons for concluding that the environmental impacts associated with site-specific decommissioning activities are bounded by the appropriate previously issued environmental impact statements. The licensee has chosen to decontaminate and dismantle the facility in a manner that results in the prompt removal of the existing nuclear plant. This approach is referred to as the DECON alternative. The licensee intends to complete the decontamination and dismantlement of the majority of plant structures within approximately seven years of cessation of operations. The licensee intends to construct an independent facility to store the spent fuel on site until the fuel can be permanently transferred offsite to a Department of Energy facility.

The PSDAR is available for public inspection at the local public document room located at the Wiscasset Public

Library, High Street, Wiscasset, Maine and at the Commission's public document room located at The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The Commission will schedule a public meeting in the vicinity of the Maine Yankee facility to solicit public comments on the Maine Yankee PSDAR. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** and in the local media announcing the date, time and location of this meeting.

Comments regarding the Maine Yankee PSDAR should be submitted in writing to Mr. Singh Bajwa, Mail Stop 11-B-20, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 within 30 days after the date of this notice.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of September 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306]

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Notice of Partial Denial of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a portion of a request by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) for amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 issued to the licensee for operation of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Goodhue County, Minnesota. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of these amendments was published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1997 (62 FR 35850).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications to delete limitations on crane operations in the spent fuel pool enclosure relating to spent fuel pool special ventilation system operability and conform the Technical Specifications to the guidance of NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications, Westinghouse Plants."

The NRC staff has concluded that a portion of the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of

the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated September 15, 1997.

By October 20, 1997, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Jay Silberg, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated May 7, 1997, as supplemented May 30, July 29, and September 12, 1997, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated September 15, 1997.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of September 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-482]

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is