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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number 40-3453]

### Atlas Corporation; Notice of Availability of Supplement to the Final Technical Evaluation Report for the Proposed Revised Reclamation Plan for the Atlas Corporation Moab Mill

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announces the availability of a Supplement to the Final Technical Evaluation Report for the Proposed Revised Reclamation Plan for the Atlas Corporation Moab Mill.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Myron Fliegel, Uranium Recovery and Low-Level Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6629.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Supplement to the Final Technical Evaluation Report (FTER), which provides updated information developed at the Atlas Moab Mill since the publication of the FTER in March 1997, is being made available for public inspection at NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

The Supplement to the FTER, pertaining to the proposed revised reclamation plan submitted by Atlas Corporation, summarizes NRC staff's review of additional site data developed for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), as a part of the Section 7 Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation process, and additional analyses performed by the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) regarding performance of the proposed reclamation. The additional data was developed by the FWS in order for it to issue a Final Biological Opinion in accordance with the ESA. The results and conclusions of the Section 7 consultation are presented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FTER was issued in March 1997 and contained staff's analysis and conclusions that the proposed on-site reclamation of the existing uranium mill tailings pile complies with the requirements contained in Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 40. The additional data and analyses did not conflict with staff's analysis or conclusion of acceptability contained in the FTER; however, a supplement is needed to update the information contained in the FTER.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of April, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-309]

### Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to the Appendix A Technical Specifications (TS) to Facility Operating

License No. DPR-36, a license held by the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (MYAPCo or the licensee). The amendment would apply to the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (Maine Yankee), a permanently shutdown plant located at the MYAPCo site in Lincoln County, Maine.

## Environmental Assessment

### Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would change the liquid and gaseous release rate limits included in the Radioactive Effluent Control Program portion of the TS to reflect revisions to 10 CFR part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation." The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated July 14, 1998.

### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to update the license to incorporate revised requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 (i.e., the need for the proposed action was created by a change in the regulatory requirements).

### Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed amendment to the Maine Yankee TS and concludes that issuance of the proposed amendment will not cause an increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures. The proposed change in TS effluent release rates will allow the licensee to retain operational flexibility consistent with the design objectives for radioactive effluent releases in Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50 and will not have a negative impact on the licensee's ability to continue to operate within as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) criteria.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant