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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 AND 50-499]

STP Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its June 28, 2001, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating Licenses No. NPF-76 and No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2001, (66 FR 49710). However, by letter dated July 28, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated June 28, 2001, the licensee's letter dated May 21, 2002 requesting that the NRC suspend its review of the June 28, 2001 application, and the licensee's letter dated July 28, 2003, which withdrew the June 28, 2001 application for the license amendments. Documents may be examined and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O-1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (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 encountered problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the

NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of November 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-309]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company's Request for Exemption From the Recordkeeping Requirements of 10 CFR 50.59(D)(3); 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A; 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering granting an exemption from the Recordkeeping requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.59(d)(3); 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A; 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, for the Maine Yankee Plant as requested by Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (MY) on July 14, 2003. An environmental assessment (EA) was performed by the NRC staff in support of its review of the exemption request.

II. Environmental Assessment

Introduction

MY is the licensee and holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-36 for the Maine Yankee Plant, a permanently shut down decommissioning nuclear plant. On August 7, 1997, MY notified NRC that operations had permanently ceased and that fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor. MY submitted its final revised License Termination Plan (LTP) in October 2002, which the NRC approved on February 28, 2003. Decommissioning of the MY facility is approximately 80% complete. The nuclear reactor and all associated systems and components necessary for the safe generation of power have been removed from the facility and disposed of or sold off-site. In addition, the structures necessary for safe power generation are either demolished or in an advanced state of demolition. Safety-related structures, systems and

components (SSCs) remaining total less than five, all associated with the spent fuel pool. Removal of fuel from the pool is approximately half complete with all fuel scheduled to be removed in early 2004.

Purpose and Need for Proposed Action

The requested exemption and application of the exemption will eliminate an unwarranted financial burden on ratepayers associated with the storage of a large volume of hardcopy records.

The Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the disposal of records, prior to termination of MY License No. DPR-36, when: (1) The nuclear power unit and associated support systems no longer exist for SSCs associated with safe power generation; or (2) spent nuclear fuel has been completely transferred from the spent fuel pool for SSCs associated with the safe storage of fuel in the spent fuel pool.

MY is not requesting any exemption associated with recordkeeping requirements for storage of spent fuel at its independent spent fuel storage installation under 10 CFR 50 or the general license requirements of 10 CFR 72.

Alternatives to Proposed Action

No action. Under this alternative MY would continue to store the records in question until license termination.

The Affected Environment and Environmental Impacts

None. The proposed action is purely administrative in nature and will have no effect on the environment.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

None.

Conclusions

NRC has determined that the proposed action will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on this review, the NRC staff has concluded that there are no significant impacts on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the staff has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted, and a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Further Information

The licensee's request for the proposed action (ADAMS Accession No: ML032040178) and other related

documents to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying for a fee at NRC's Public Document Room at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. These documents are available for public review through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic reading room, at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to John Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Mailstop T-7F27, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Claudia M. Craig,

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Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-309]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding a Request for Exemption From the Recordkeeping Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix A Criterion 1, 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B Section XVII and, 10 CFR Part 50 Section 50.59(d)(3), for the Maine Yankee Nuclear Plant

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding a request for exemption from the recordkeeping requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix A criterion 1, 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B Section XVII, and 10 CFR Part 50 Section 50.59(d)(3) for the Maine Yankee Nuclear Plant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John T. Buckley, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6607, fax number (301) 415-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from the recordkeeping requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix A criterion 1, 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B Section XVII, and 10 CFR Part 50 Section 50.59(d)(3), for the Maine Yankee Nuclear Plant, Wiscasset, ME. In a letter dated July 14, 2003, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (MY) requested an exemption which will allow the disposal of records when: (1) The nuclear power unit and its associated support systems no longer exist for structures, systems and components (SSCs) associated with safe power generation; or (2) spent nuclear fuel has been completely transferred from the spent fuel pool for SSCs associated with the safe storage of fuel in the spent fuel pool. MY is not requesting any exemption associated with recordkeeping requirements for storage of spent fuel in its independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) under 10 CFR Part 50 or the general license requirements of 10 CFR Part 72.

The NRC staff has prepared an EA in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. The conclusion of the EA is a FONSI for the proposed action.

II. Environmental Assessment Summary

The proposed action would allow the licensee to dispose of records, prior to termination of License No. DPR-36, that: (1) Are associated with the SSCs for the nuclear power generation unit; and (2) are associated with the spent fuel pool SSCs.

The NRC has evaluated the licensee's requested exemption and concluded that it is administrative in nature. Additionally, there are no radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action; nor, are there any nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

NRC has prepared an EA in support of the licensee's application for an exemption request. On the basis of the EA, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

IV. Further Information

The EA and documents related to this action are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic reading Room at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/>

[index.html](#). The ADAMS Accession No. for the licensee's exemption request is ML032040178. The ADAMS Accession No. for the staff's EA is ML033100451. Documents may also be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, 20852. Any actions with respect to this action should be referred to John T. Buckley, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Telephone (301) 415-6607.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Claudia M. Craig,

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Division of Waste Management, Office of
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Notice

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2003.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of November 17, 2003

Thursday, November 20, 2003

12:45 p.m.—Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1)

Week of November 24, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 24, 2003.

Week of December 1, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 1, 2003.

Week of December 8, 2003—Tentative

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

1:30 p.m.—Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity Program, (Public Meeting) (Contact: Corenthis Kelley, (301) 415-7380).

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Strategic Workforce Planning and Human Capital Initiatives (Closed—Ex. 2)