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Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Application for Mediation Services and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 14, 2005.

**June D. W. King,**

*Director, Office of Administration, National Mediation Board.*

#### **Application for Mediation Services**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Mediation Services, OMB Number: 3140-0002.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 70 annually.

*Burden Hours:* 17.50.

*Abstract:* Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 155, First, provides that both, or either, of the parties to the labor-management dispute may invoke the mediation services of the National Mediation Board. Congress has determined that it is in the nation's best interest to provide for governmental mediation as the primary dispute resolution mechanism to resolve labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of mediation is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.1 provides that applications for mediation services be made on printed forms which may be secured from the National Mediation Board. This section of the regulations provides that applications should be submitted in duplicate, show the exact nature of the

dispute, the number of employees involved, name of the carrier and name of the labor organization, date of agreement between the parties, date and copy of notice served by the invoking party to the other and date of final conference between the parties. The application should be signed by the highest officer of the carrier who has been designated to handle disputes under the Railway Labor Act or by the chief executive of the labor organization, whichever party files the application.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information provided by the parties is used by the Board to structure a mediation process that will be productive to the parties and result in a settlement without resort to strike or lockout. The Board has been very successful in resolving labor disputes in the railroad and airline industries. Historically, some 97 percent of all NMB mediation cases have been successfully resolved without interruptions to public service. Since 1980, only slightly more than 1 percent of cases have involved a disruption of service. This success ratio would possibly be reduced if the Board was unable to collect the brief information that it does in the application for mediation services.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://www.nmb.gov> or should be addressed to Denise Murdock, NMB, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20005 or addressed to the e-mail address [murdock@nmb.gov](mailto:murdock@nmb.gov) or faxed to 202-692-5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D. W. King at 202-692-5010 or via Internet address [king@nmb.gov](mailto:king@nmb.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TDY) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-271]**

#### **Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering

modifying previous approvals, granted pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 20.2002 (previously 10 CFR 20.302(a)), for on-site disposal of slightly contaminated material at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee), as requested by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee). Vermont Yankee is located in Windham County, Vermont. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would modify the previously-granted approvals for on-site disposal of slightly contaminated material to increase the current approved annual volume limit of 28.3 cubic meters of soil/sand to a new annual volume limit of 150 cubic meters of soil/sand. In addition, the licensee has requested a one-time approval for on-site disposal of the current backlog inventory of approximately 528 cubic meters of soil/sand.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated October 4, 2004, as supplemented on January 17, 2005.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is needed to dispose of slightly contaminated soil/sand on-site. Current restrictions on the annual volume of slightly contaminated soil/sand that can be disposed on-site, coupled with several plant facility projects in recent years, have resulted in the accumulation of a backlog of slightly contaminated earthen material that is awaiting disposal by land spreading on previously-approved on-site disposal areas. The current approved annual volume limit of 28.3 cubic meters of soil/sand for disposal was based on licensee estimates of soil and sand collected from road and walkway sweepings inside the Protected Area following each year's winter cleanup (i.e., the current annual limit does not account for future site excavation and construction activities).

##### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action will be bounded by the conditions for the on-site disposals previously reviewed and approved by the NRC. The staff's safety evaluation will be provided as an enclosure to the letter to the licensee approving the proposed action.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off-site. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. The licensee will continue to use the designated and approved areas of its property for disposal. Determination of the radiological dose impact of the new material to be disposed has been made based on the same dose assessment models and pathway assumptions used in previously-approved applications for Vermont Yankee. The NRC staff's review of the proposed action concluded that the bounding dose conditions for the previously-approved materials will not be exceeded. The maximum dose from the radionuclides in the material was determined to be less than 1 millirem per year to the maximally exposed individual and less than 5 millirem per year to an inadvertent intruder.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect 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 NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar. If the proposed action is denied, the licensee may be required to ship the material to an off-site low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. The costs associated with off-site disposal greatly exceed the cost of on-site disposal with no significant benefit to the environment.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Vermont Yankee.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

On April 25, 2005, the staff consulted with the Vermont State official, William

Sherman, of the Department of Public Service, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

On the basis of the environmental assessment, 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.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated October 4, 2004, as supplemented by letter dated January 17, 2005. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly-available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (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 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of July 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 70-3103]

### **Public Meeting To Discuss the Safety Evaluation Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed National Enrichment Facility in Lea County, NM**

**AGENCY:** United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting in Eunice, New Mexico.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be holding a public meeting in the Eunice Community Center, Eunice, New Mexico, to discuss the Safety Evaluation

Report (SER), NUREG-1827, and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), NUREG-1790, for Louisiana Energy Services' (LES') proposed National Enrichment Facility (NEF) in Lea County, New Mexico. The SER and FEIS document the NRC staff's findings during the safety and environmental review for the proposed NEF. Both documents are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/>.

**Purpose:** This meeting will provide an opportunity to hear a summary of, and to ask questions about, the staff's review of LES' application presented in the SER and FEIS.

**Time/Date:** The public meeting will be held on August 2, 2005, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Place:** Eunice Community Center, 1115 Avenue I, Eunice, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy C. Johnson, Mail Stop: T-8F42, Special Projects Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-7299, and E-mail: [tcj@nrc.gov](mailto:tcj@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12 day of July, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### **James W. Clifford,**

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Act; Meetings**

**DATE:** Weeks of July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2005.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### **Week of July 18, 2005**

11 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

a. Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spend Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI; unpublished Board order (April 25, 2005) (Tentative).

b. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3), Docket Nos. 50-336-LR & 50-423-LR