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*Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID: NRC-2009-0568.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** There is a movement to introduce risk-informed and performance-based (RI/PB) analyses into fire protection engineering practice. This movement exists in both the general fire protection and the nuclear power plant (NPP) fire protection communities. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has used risk-informed insights as a part of its regulatory decision making since the 1990s. In 2002, the National Fire Protection Association developed NFPA 805, Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light-Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants. In July 2004, the NRC amended its fire protection requirements in Title 10, Section 50.48, of the Code of Federal Regulations to permit existing reactor licensees to voluntarily adopt fire protection requirements contained in NFPA 805 as an alternative to the existing deterministic requirements. NUREG-1934 (EPRI 1019195), "Nuclear Power Plant Fire Modeling Application Guide, Draft Report for Comment" was written as a collaborative effort by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to provide guidance on using fire modeling for nuclear power plant

applications. The features and limitations of the five fire models documented in NUREG-1824 (EPRI 1011999), Verification & Validation of Selected Fire Models for Nuclear Power Plant Applications are discussed relative to NPP applications. Finally, the report describes the implications of the of verified and validated (V&V) fire models that can reliably predict the consequences of fires.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17 day of December, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mark H. Salley,**

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. 50-458 and 50-271; License Nos. NPF-47 and DPR-28; NRC-2009-0572]**

### **Entergy Operations, Inc.; Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC; Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC; River Bend Station, Unit 1; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 CFR 2.206**

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated August 22, 2009, Mr. Sherwood Martinelli, the Petitioner, has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) suspend the operating license of any Entergy nuclear power plant with a decommissioning trust fund shortfall, that the NRC take action to ensure that any shortfalls in the decommissioning trust funds be rectified, and that the NRC take certain other actions to ensure the integrity of the decommissioning trust funds.

The request is being evaluated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The request has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). The NRC is accepting for review, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206, those concerns identified in the petition associated with Entergy's Vermont Yankee and River Bend Nuclear Power Plants. The NRC staff's ongoing review indicates that only the decommissioning trust funds for Entergy's Vermont Yankee and River Bend Nuclear Power Plants do not currently meet the funding levels of 10 CFR 50.75, "Reporting and recordkeeping for decommissioning planning." As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken

on this petition within a reasonable time.

A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession No. ML092400492. 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 800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of December 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Michele G. Evans,**

*Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## **POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE** Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 11 a.m.

**PLACE:** Commission conference room, 901 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Review of postal-related legislative activity.

2. Reports on international activities.

3. Review of active cases.

4. Report on recent activities of Joint Periodical Task Force and status of report to the Congress pursuant to section 708 of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) of 2006.

5. Review of an internal assessment of Public Representative functions under the PAEA.

**PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

6. Status of pending litigation (*USPS v. PRC*)

7. Personnel matters—consideration of Commission staff vacancies.

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