Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Due to the largely administrative nature of the proposed action, its environmental impacts are small. Therefore, the only alternative the staff considered is the no-action alternative, under which the staff would leave things as they are by simply denying the amendment request. This no-action alternative is not feasible because it conflicts with 10 CFR 30.36(d), requiring that decommissioning of byproduct material facilities be completed and approved by the NRC after licensed activities cease. The NRC's analysis of the Licensee's final status survey data confirmed that the Facility meets the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted release and for license termination. Additionally, denying the amendment request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative are therefore similar, and the no-action alternative is accordingly not further considered.

Conclusion

The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action is consistent with the NRC's unrestricted release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Because the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

NRC provided a draft of this Environmental Assessment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection for review on December 18, 2006. On December 21, 2006, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania responded by e-mail. The Commonwealth agreed with the conclusions of the EA, and otherwise had no comments.

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is of a procedural nature, and will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The NRC staff has also determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared this EA in support of the proposed action. On the

basis of this EA, the NRC finds that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed action, and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for license amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The documents related to this action are listed below, along with their ADAMS accession numbers.

- 1. REG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance;"
- 2. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, Subpart E, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination:"
- 3. Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions:"
- 4. NUREG-1496, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities;"
- 5. West Pharmaceutical Services, Termination Request Letter dated February 17, 2006 [ML060580120];
- 6. West Pharmaceutical Services, NRC 314 Signed and dated February 27, 2006 [ML060580124];
- 7. West Pharmaceutical Services, letter dated May 19, 2006 [ML061430439];
- 8. West Pharmaceutical Services, letter dated October 17, 2006 [ML062980524];
- 9. West Pharmaceutical Services, letter dated November 17, 2006 [ML063280230].

If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated: Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania this 9th day of January 2007.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James P. Dwyer,

Chief, Commercial and R&D Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region 1. [FR Doc. E7–618 Filed 1–17–07; 8:45 am]

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Sunshine Act Meetings

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

DATE: Weeks of January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 2007.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.
MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of January 15, 2007

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 15, 2007.

Week of January 22, 2007—Tentative

Monday, January 22, 2007

1:25 p.m.

- Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).
- a. Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-20 (9/22/ 06): Entergy Nuclear Generation Company & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-23 (10/16/ 06) (Tentative)
- Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Early Site Permit for Clinton ESP) (Tentative)

1:30 p.m.

Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

1:30 p.m.

Joint Meeting with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Grid Reliability (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Mayfield, 301–415– 0561).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

Week of January 29, 2007—Tentative

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3). To be held at Department of Homeland Security Headquarters, Washington, DC. Thursday, February 1, 2007

9:30 a m

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2).

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Strategic Workforce Planning and Human Capital Initiatives (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mary Ellen Beach, 301– 415–6803).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

Week of February 5, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 5, 2007.

Week of February 12, 2007—Tentative

Thursday, February 15, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Edward New, 301–415–5646).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—http://www.nrc.gov.

Week of February 19, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 19, 2007.

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*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415–1292. Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415–1662.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Affirmation of "Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-20 (9/22/06): Entergy Nuclear Generation Company & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-23 (10/16/06)" tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 1:25 p.m. has been rescheduled tentatively on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 1:25 p.m.

Affirmation of "Final Rulemaking to Revise 10 CFR 73.1, Design Basis Threat (DBT) Requirements" tentatively scheduled on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 1:25 p.m. was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

"Periodic Briefing on New Reactor Issues" (Public Meeting) previously scheduled on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html.

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Dated: January 12, 2007.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee: Seeking Comments From the Public on the 2005 WTO Ministerial Decision on Duty-Free Quota-Free Market Access for the Least Developed Countries

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting the public to submit written comments on considerations relating to the Decision that Members adopted at the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in December 2005 on duty-free, quota-free (DFQF) market access for the least-developed countries (LDCs). The TPSC is seeking comments from the public on to the full range of issues that may affect implementation of this Decision.

DATES: Comments are due by March 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submissions by electronic mail: FR0704@USTR.EOP.GOV. Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General inquiries should be made to the USTR Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs at (202) 395-6843; calls on individual subjects will be transferred as appropriate. Procedural inquiries concerning the public comment process should be directed to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), (202) 395–3475. Further information on the WTO, including the declarations, decisions referred to in this notice, can be obtained via the Internet at the WTO Web site, http://www.wto.org, and/or the USTR Web site, http://www.ustr.gov. The 2005 President's Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program, which is available on the USTR Web site, contains extensive information on the WTO, the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong, China, and the status of work in the WTO.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Duty-Free Quota-Free Market Access: The TPSC calls attention to the decision adopted at the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the WTO in December 2005 on duty-free, quota-free (DFQF) market access for LDCs. The DFQF decision is contained in Annex F of the Ministerial Declaration, which can be found at http://www.wto.org with the document symbol "WT/MIN(05)/DEC". Ministers agreed that WTO Members would implement the DFQF initiative coincident with the implementation of the results of the negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA). On a voluntary basis, WTO Members may also implement sooner.

Implementation of the DFQF by relevant WTO Members is subject to review by Members through the WTO Committee on Trade and Development (CTD). On May 15, 2006, the United States submitted a paper to the CTD, "Duty-Free, Quota-Free Market Access for the Least-Developed Countries: Communication from the United States". This paper can be found at http://www.wto.org with the document symbol "WT/COMTD/W/149". The paper summarizes the U.S. legal and consultative process for implementing the DFQF decision, and outlines certain factors and related obligations affecting implementation. The TPSC recognizes