

Open: October 2, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Division. This should involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

Reason for Closing: During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposals that include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board was established by an Act of Congress, the National Skill Standards Act, Title V, Pub. L. 103-227. The 27-member National Skill Standards Board serves as a catalyst for the development and implementation of a national system of voluntary skill standards and certification through voluntary partnerships. These partnerships will have the full and balanced participation of business, industry, labor, education and other key groups.

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 1998, in the Grand Ballroom I Room of the DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport located at 18740 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA.

AGENDA: The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update on the Board's Strategic Plan; reports from the Board's committees; presentations from the Voluntary Partnerships—Manufacturing, Installation and Repair (Manufacturing Skill Standards Council) and Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade, Real Estate & Personal Services (Sales and Services); and reports from Convening Groups representing the following industry clusters: Business & Administrative Services; Construction; Education and Training; Finance & Training; Restaurants, Lodging, Hospitality & Tourism, and Amusement

& Recreation; and Telecommunications, Computers, Arts & Entertainment, and Information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Seats will be reserved for the media.) If special accommodations are needed contact Pat Warfield at (202) 254-8628 extension 24.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracy Marshall, Director of Operations at (202) 254-8628 extension 13.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 4th day of September, 1998.

Edie West,

Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318]

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) to withdraw its July 26, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-53 and DPR-69 for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Lusby, Maryland.

The proposed amendment would have revised the operating licenses to allow the repair of defected steam generator tubes by electrosluicing.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42276). However, by letter dated August 20, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 26, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated August 20, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-003]

Consolidated Edison Company; Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Unit; Notice of Public Meeting

The NRC will conduct a public meeting at Cortlandt Town Hall, 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, New York, on October 7, 1998, to discuss plans developed by Consolidated Edison Company (Con Edison) to decommission the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1. The Indian Point Station, located in Buchanan, New York, includes the permanently shutdown Unit 1 and two operating units, Units 2 and Unit 3. Unit 2 is operated by Consolidated Edison Company, and Unit 3 by New York Power Authority. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00-9:30 p.m., and will be chaired by New York State Assemblywoman Sondra Galef. The public meeting is being held pursuant to the NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 50.82(a)(4) regarding the requirements for the submission of a post-shutdown decommissioning activities report (PSDAR) by the licensee following permanent cessation of operation and the holding of a public meeting by the NRC on the PSDAR. Con Edison submitted a decommissioning plan, which was approved by the NRC in January 1996, prior to the rule change promulgated at 31 **Federal Register** 39301 (July 29, 1996), requiring a PSDAR. Decommissioning plans approved prior to the revision are considered to meet the requirement for a PSDAR and are subject to the revised regulations, including the requirement for a public meeting. The meeting will include a short presentation by the NRC staff on the decommissioning process and NRC programs for monitoring decommissioning activities with attention being given to the licensee's decommissioning plans. There will be a presentation by Consolidated Edison Company on planned decommissioning activities, and there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of NRC staff and Con Edison representatives and make comments on the planned activities. The meeting will be transcribed.

Con Edison's decommissioning plan provides a short discussion of the plant history, a description of the unit's radiological conditions, and a description and schedule of planned decommissioning activities. This decommissioning plan and the NRC's safety evaluation associated with the plan is available for public inspection at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martie Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601. For more information contact John L. Minns, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-3166.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1998.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Seymour H. Weiss,

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Division of Reactor Program Management,
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Regulation.*
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-309]

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station; Exemption

I

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (MYAPCo or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-36, which authorizes possession of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (Maine Yankee). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) now or hereafter in effect. The facility is a pressurized-water reactor (PWR) located on the licensee's site in Lincoln County, Maine. On August 7, 1997, the licensee submitted written certifications to the Commission that it had decided to permanently cease operations at Maine Yankee and that all fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(a)(2), upon docketing of the certifications contained in the letter of August 7, 1997, the facility operating license no longer authorizes MYAPCo to operate the reactor or to place fuel in the reactor vessel.

II

Section 50.54(q) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.54(q)) requires power reactor licensees to follow and maintain in effect emergency plans that meet the standards of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations that are (1) authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security and (2) present special circumstances. Special circumstances exist when application of the regulation in the particular circumstance would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule (10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii)). The underlying purpose of Section 50.54(q) is to ensure licensees follow and maintain in effect emergency plans that provide reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of an emergency at a nuclear reactor. Sections 50.47(b) and (c) outline the planning standards and size of Emergency Planning Zones, respectively, that are to be considered in emergency plans and Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 identifies the information that must be included in emergency plans.

III

By letter dated November 6, 1997, the licensee requested exemptions from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(q), 10 CFR 50.47(b) and (c), and Appendix E to Part 50; the licensee also made available a draft copy of the Maine Yankee Defueled Emergency Plan (DEP) to assist the staff in its review of the exemption request. The exemptions would allow Maine Yankee to discontinue certain aspects of offsite planning and reduce the scope of onsite emergency planning. The licensee stated that the remaining requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(q), 10 CFR 50.47(b) and (c), and Appendix E to Part 50 will be addressed in the DEP. The licensee plans to implement the DEP without NRC review and approval. Under the provisions of § 50.54(q), when a change to an emergency plan is made, the staff evaluates that change against the bases for commitments made in the plan to determine whether there is a decrease in effectiveness. It is not a decrease in effectiveness if the reduction in the commitment is commensurate with a

reduction in the bases for that commitment. In this instance, the staff has determined that there has been a reduction in the bases that require offsite emergency planning. The revised DEP will be reviewed by the NRC after implementation. By letter dated March 25, 1998, the licensee submitted the Emergency Action Levels that it proposes to use with the Defueled Emergency Plan. By letter dated June 29, 1998, the licensee submitted additional information that revised the exemption request. By letters dated January 20, May 15, and June 18, 1998, MYAPCo submitted the results of an assessment of the Maine Yankee spent fuel heatup in the absence of water in the spent fuel pool. By letters dated July 9 and August 5, 1998, the licensee provided the results of radiological analyses applicable to Maine Yankee in the permanently shutdown condition.

The licensee stated that special circumstances are present at Maine Yankee because (1) application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule, (2) compliance would result in undue hardship or other costs that are significantly in excess of those contemplated when the regulation was adopted, or are significantly in excess of those incurred by others in similar circumstances, and (3) there is a material circumstance present, that was not considered when the regulation was adopted, for which it would be in the public interest to grant an exemption.

With the plant in a permanently shutdown and defueled condition, the applicable design-basis accidents are limited to a fuel handling incident, spent fuel cask drop, and radioactive liquid waste system leak and failure. The calculated maximum offsite dose from these postulated releases is less than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Protective Action Guides (PAGs). The licensee also estimated that, by March 1998, a beyond-design-basis event, involving fuel damage (caused by a loss of spent fuel pool water and a subsequent overheating of the stored fuel) and the release of radioactive materials sufficient to exceed EPA PAGs at the site boundary is not credible.

Revision 14 to the Maine Yankee Defueled Safety Analysis Report (DSAR) includes revised analyses of postulated accidents at Maine Yankee in its permanently shutdown status. Chapter 5 of the DSAR describes the radiological consequences of accidents that could release radioactive materials and the consequences of a spent fuel pool