

March 15, 2005

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
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ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE,	)	Docket No. 50-271-OLA
LLC and ENTERGY NUCLEAR	)	
OPERATIONS, INC.	)	ASLBP No. 04-832-02-OLA
	)	
(Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station)	)	

NRC STAFF'S INITIAL STATUS REPORT ON REVIEW SCHEDULE

In its Initial Scheduling Order, dated February 1, 2005,<sup>1</sup> the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (“Licensing Board”) directed the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“Staff”) to submit a short report estimating the date when the draft and final versions of the Safety Evaluation (“SE”), environmental assessment (“EA”) and report of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (“ACRS Report”) will be issued. The Staff herein provides its initial status report.

In short, the Staff is currently unable to provide a projected schedule for issuance of the SE, EA and ACRS Report due to continued delays in the submission of necessary application supplements. During the January 21, 2005 prehearing conference call, counsel for the Staff advised the Licensing Board and the parties that the Staff was awaiting submission of additional supplements to the application and responses to requests for additional information (“RAIs”). The applicants provided some information in submissions dated February 24 and March 10, 2005. These submissions are currently being evaluated in order to determine whether additional information will be required in order for the Staff to complete its review. Further, the Staff is still awaiting additional submissions from the applicants, now expected on March 22 and March 31, 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee L.L.C. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.* (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), Initial Scheduling Order, slip op. Feb. 1, 2005.

Once the Staff completes its review of all material received, it will be better able to re-assess the overall review schedule.

Pursuant to the Initial Hearing Order, the Staff will submit an updated status report on or about April 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF'S INITIAL STATUS REPORT ON REVIEW SCHEDULE", as well as a "NOTICE OF APPEARANCE" for Nathan R. Wildermann in the captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class; or as indicated by an asterisk (\*), by deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system; and by e-mail as indicated by a double asterisk (\*\*), this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

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