

May 16, 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 THIRD STATUS REPORT ON REVIEW SCHEDULE

Pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's ("Licensing Board") Initial Scheduling Order,¹ the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Staff") herein submits its third status report regarding the review schedule for the extended power uprate ("EPU") application that is at issue in this proceeding.

The Staff is continuing to review recent supplements to the EPU application, and expects to issue further requests for additional information ("RAIs") in the near future. In addition, the Staff is currently re-assessing the schedule, including coordinating with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards ("ACRS") to establish dates for the ACRS subcommittee and full committee meetings. Pursuant to the Initial Hearing Order, the Staff will submit an updated status report on or about June 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 16th day of May, 2005

¹ 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.

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