

From: Neil Sheehan *RS*
To: Diane Screnci; Elizabeth Hayden; Francis Cameron; Mindy Landau; Robert Jasinski
Date: 5/3/04 11:41AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Public comment on VY uprate

There seems to be quite a bit of third-person information floating around about this. As someone who attended the meeting, let me try to bring some clarification to the discussion.

This meeting consisted of two parts. The first portion was our annual assessment meeting for Vermont Yankee. The second portion was supposed to be an overview of our review of the proposed VY power uprate, followed by public comment.

Because of the large crowd on hand, the NRC staff and the utility tried to get through the first portion as quickly as possible. They largely succeeded and, with a few questions from the public added in, were done with that in under an hour. However, due to a crowd that was too large for the auditorium, the meeting had to be shifted next-door to the gym. This took probably 20-25 minutes, not surprisingly since it involved as many as 500 people (I still think the crowd was closer in size to 350). As soon as the second portion got under way, Bill Ruland informed the audience that he knew they were anxious to offer comments on the uprate so the NRC staff was going to strip down its presentation to almost nothing to make that happen. That's just what they did.

The bottom line is that, yes, it did take nearly 90 minutes before public comments were taken on the uprate. But that was merely a function of the staff needing to fulfill the annual assessment function first and the delay caused by the crowd exceeding fire safety limits.

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>>> Francis Cameron 05/03/04 09:19AM >>>

I'm a little confused about this. I thought the staff presentations for the second meeting were short, certainly not in the 60 to 90 minute range. Are they talking about the first meeting with the licensee or did we actually talk for 60 to 90 minutes in the second meeting? Thanks. Did they sit through 60 to 90 minutes of NRC p *pl*

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>>> Elizabeth Hayden 04/29/04 11:09PM >>>

Let's try to get the word out to the staff on public meetings that making the public wait 60-90 minutes before they are allowed to speak, just doesn't help our image with the public. I've been preaching this from the first License Renewal dry-run meeting the agency has conducted.

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