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Attached is a highlight we issued a while back on what the PSB concluded.

Thanks - Allen

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Public Service Board Decision on Vermont Yankee Power Uprate

On March 15, 2004, the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) authorized Entergy, during Vermont Yankee's Spring 2004 refueling outage, to perform physical changes which are designed to allow it to increase power output by up to 20 percent. The PSB found that the proposed power uprate, with appropriate conditions, would promote the general good of the state by providing additional power to New England's power grid and economic benefits to Vermont. However, several conditions must be met prior to actually increasing power output. One of the conditions includes a request that the NRC conduct an independent engineering assessment of Vermont Yankee. The PSB request was documented in a letter dated March 15, 2004 to Chairman Diaz. The NRC staff is currently reviewing the Vermont Yankee power uprate request with a forecast completion date of January 31, 2005.