

**From:** Scott Burnell  
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**Subject:** Re: CT Yankee 20.2002 request

Diane;

This e-mail is a response to your e-mail and the several follow-up calls to you made to NRC staff members in OGC and NMSS. I'd like to again request that you use myself or another OPA member as your point of contact for questions such as these. Having a single point of contact will save both you and the NRC staff time in answering your questions, and will ensure you receive the information you seek. As for your Connecticut Yankee questions:

Q.1) What information is NRC requesting of Connecticut Yankee regarding their request for alternative disposal of decommissioning waste under 20.2002?

NRC staff are seeking a clearer definition of the material to be covered by the request. We expect the information within the next couple of weeks.

Q 2) When will the Office of General Council make its decision [on public involvement in alternative disposal method requests]? Will the decision by the staff proceed regardless or will there be coordination with public notice, opportunity for public comment, hearing and potential intervention?

OGC was reviewing the 20.2002 process in general, not the Conn. Yankee request specifically, and the decision was that there is no opportunity for a hearing on these matters. The staff's review of the Conn. Yankee request will continue. Of course, any member of the public can provide unsolicited comments on licensee requests for regulatory action.

Q 5) What are the other sites and what were the alternatives approved?

First, to clarify answers you have already received on other alternative waste disposal requests:

Big Rock Point received two approvals, one to send waste to a landfill and one to bury waste onsite; Big Rock Point left the second approval unused.

The NRC does expect a similar request from Yankee Rowe, but nothing has been received.

There are two current cases of materials licensees making alternative disposal requests, but they are being handled through regional offices:

The Air Force has a request in to Region IV to dispose of obsolete tanks used as gunnery targets;

Merck has a request in to Region I to dispose of tritium-bearing soil.

Compiling a list of past alternative waste disposal method requests will require additional staff resources.

Again, please feel free to contact OPA for additional information.

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