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Senator Bernard Sanders
Senator Patrick Leahy
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TO:

Chairman Klein

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

** GRN **

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Reyes, EDO

DESC:

ROUTING:

Request for 30-Day Extension of Deadline for
Public Comment on the Environmental Impact
Statement for Vermont Yankee

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DATE: 03/06/07

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Prepare separate responses to each Congressman for
the signature of the EDO. Note: The current
deadline for public comment is March 7, 2007.

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ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: Bernard Sanders
AFFILIATION:
ADDRESSEE: CHRM Dale Klein
SUBJECT: Request 30-day extension of deadline for public comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for Vermont Yankee

ACTION: Signature of EDO
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LETTER DATE: 03/02/2007
ACKNOWLEDGED: No
SPECIAL HANDLING: The current deadline for public comment is March 7, 2007.

NOTES:
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DATE DUE: 03/19/2007 **DATE SIGNED:**

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 5, 2007

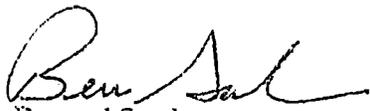
Mr. Dale Klein
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Klein:

We appreciate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's response to our request to hold a public meeting with Members of the Vermont Legislature and other interested parties in Montpelier, VT regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Vermont Yankee nuclear facility. We understand that the February 27, 2007 meeting was well attended.

Based on the feedback we have received following this meeting, we request that you grant a 30-day extension of the deadline for public comment on the EIS. The current deadline is March 7, 2007. Such an extension will provide state Legislators a sufficient amount of time to review and comment on the EIS. We understand that an informal extension of the public comment deadline was agreed to by NRC staff during the meeting. Therefore, we are hopeful that you will act favorably on this request and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Bernard Sanders
United States Senator


Patrick Leahy
United States Senator


Peter Welch
United States Representative

Background

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplement 30 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, and Public Meeting for the License Renewal of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-28 for an additional 20 years of operation for the **Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee)**. **Vermont Yankee** is located in the town of Vernon, **Vermont**, in Windham County on the west shore of the Connecticut River. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

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The draft Supplement 30 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/>. The Accession Number for the draft

Supplement 30 to the GEIS is ML063390344. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or via e-mail at pdrc@nrc.gov. In addition, the following libraries have agreed to make

the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection: Vernon Free Library, 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon, **Vermont**; Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro, **Vermont**; Hinsdale Public Library, 122 Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale, New Hampshire; and Dickinson Memorial Library, 115 Main Street, Northfield, Massachusetts.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be considered, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by March 7, 2007; the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Comments received after the due date will be considered only if it is practical to do so. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-6D59, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at VermontYankeeEIS@nrc.gov. All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, local agencies, Native American Tribes, or other interested persons, will be made



available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and through ADAMS.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on January 31, 2007, at the Latchis Theatre, 50 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10 p.m., as necessary. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include:

(1) A presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr., the Senior Project Manager, at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1590, or via e-mail at VermontYankeeEIS@nrc.gov no later than January 24, 2007. Members of the

public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual, oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to the attention of Mr. Emch's attention no later than January 24, 2007, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr., Environmental Branch B, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O-11F1, Washington, DC, 20555-0001. Mr. Emch may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Rani L. Franovich,
Branch Chief, Environmental Branch B, Division of License Renewal,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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Please call 202-224-5141 regarding any problems with this transmission.

Message:

The attached is a letter from the Vermont delegation. A hard copy is in the mail.

Please see that this is delivered to Chairman

Klein.

If you have any questions, please contact me.