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NRC RELEASES MOST OF HADDAM NECK NUCLEAR PLANT SITE FOR UNRESTRICTED PUBLIC USE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Co.'s request to release a majority of the Haddam Neck nuclear power plant site near Meriden, Conn., for unrestricted public use.

Residual contamination on the land (approximately 210 acres) is below NRC regulatory requirements that allow a maximum radiation dose of 25 millirem per year. (The average person in the United States receives about 300 millirem from background radiation each year.) Release of this land for unrestricted use poses no threat to public health and safety.

Connecticut Yankee's license will still apply to the site's dry cask storage facility, where the spent nuclear fuel from the plant's 28 years of operation is stored, plus a parcel of land surrounding this facility. The total land remaining under the license is approximately 5 acres. Connecticut Yankee remains responsible for the security and protection of this land and the dry cask storage facility, and is required to maintain \$100 million in nuclear liability insurance coverage for the facility until the waste has been removed.

Haddam Neck began commercial operations Jan. 1, 1968, and ceased production Dec. 5, 1996. Connecticut Yankee initiated decommissioning shortly thereafter. Dismantlement and decommissioning were completed in July 2007. NRC surveys verified that cleanup met the 25 millirem per year requirement.

The NRC's Safety Evaluation Report of Connecticut Yankee's amendment request will be available in the agency's online documents database, ADAMS, at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>, using accession number ML073120350 in the search field.

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