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NRC Public Meeting Summary
Public Meeting Regarding NRC Oversight of Windsor Site

Meeting Date / Time: December 12, 2007 at 7 P.M.

Meeting Location: Windsor Town Hall, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, Connecticut

Meeting Topic:

To inform the public regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) oversight of ABB, Inc. (ABB) decommissioning activities at the Windsor, Connecticut, site. ABB's decommissioning activities, under the NRC jurisdiction, have been expanded to include cleanup of areas formally designated by the U.S. Department of Energy under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program for cleanup by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Background:

ABB, Inc., (formerly Combustion Engineering-Windsor) manufactured nuclear fuel at the Windsor (Hartford County), Connecticut, site. This site was also used at various times to conduct and support nuclear research and development work, including the construction, testing and operation of a U.S. Naval test reactor. The activities began in the mid-1950s and continued until 2001. As a result of those operations, soils, buildings and equipment surfaces were contaminated with uranium and byproduct material, both of which are radioactive.

Since 2003, ABB has been conducting decommissioning activities for NRC licensed material at the Windsor Site under the oversight of the NRC using an approved decommissioning plan. The remaining portions of the site were to be remediated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Radioactive contamination included in this program resulted from defense-related activities at the facility.

In August 2007, the NRC and the USACE agreed to a process where the USACE would suspend FUSRAP activities at the Windsor site and ABB, an NRC licensee, would supplement their Windsor site decommissioning plan to include clean-up of the FUSRAP-related materials. Under this process, the NRC would provide regulatory oversight for ABB's clean-up activities. This process was considered necessary due to the co-mingling of NRC-licensed (i.e. commercial materials) with the FUSRAP-related materials.

Summary of Meeting:

The meeting involved a presentation by NRC that provided a description of the NRC mission, NRC roles and responsibilities, an overview of the NRC decommissioning process, a brief summary of the ABB decommissioning progress made at the Windsor

site to date, and a general discussion of the expected future actions that will be necessary for successful unconditional release of the site. The NRC presentation is available for public review and can be located in ADAMS ascension number ML073530014. In addition to the NRC, a number of other governmental organizations and members of public observed the meeting and provided comments prior to the meeting adjournment. The comments appeared favorable regarding the planned approach for decommissioning of the Windsor site and the involvement of the local stakeholders.

Enclosures:

1. Partial List of Attendees
2. Meeting Agenda

Enclosure 1 - Partial List of Attendees:

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Lydia Chang, HQ
Amir Kouhestani, HQ
Ray Lorson, Region I
Keith McConnell, HQ
James Schmidt, Region I

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Mark Otis

State of Connecticut

Mike Firsick, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Edward Wilds, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

Town of Windsor, Connecticut

Dr. Charles Petrillo, Windsor Health Department
Peter Sousa, Windsor Manager
Don Trinks, Windsor Mayor

United States Department of Energy

David Delwiche

Enclosure 2 – Public Meeting Agenda

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductory Remarks - Ray Lorson, NRC-RI
- 7:15 p.m. NRC Roles and Responsibilities at ABB - Keith McConnell, NRC
- 7:20 p.m. NRC Decommissioning Process - Ray Lorson, NRC-RI
- Overview
- ABB Site Decommissioning
- 7:45 p.m. Governmental Stakeholder Comments
- Town of Windsor
- State of Connecticut
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- 8:00 p.m. Questions & Answers - All
- 8:55 p.m. NRC Closing Remarks - Keith McConnell, NRC
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn