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Oyster Creek foes appeal to force NRC review of metal fatigue

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Opponents of the relicensing of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey have filed an appeal of a ruling that rejected their efforts to have the issue of metal fatigue of the plant's recirculation's nozzles reconsidered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Earlier this year a coalition of groups asked the Atomic Safety Licensing Board to reopen the relicensing record to reanalyze whether five recirculation outlet nozzles on the reactor vessel will sustain too much stress over an additional 20 years. The 38-year-old plant's operating license is due to expire next April.

In a 2-1 split decision handed down July 24, the board rejected that effort.

Relicensing opponents claim Oyster Creek's use of a simplified calculation of nozzle metal fatigue falsely indicated that the amount of fatigue in the future would be acceptable. In their motion to have the issue reopened, they state that reanalysis would reveal the nozzles pose a potential safety threat.

Oyster Creek has said the original methodology used was acceptable and that any further analysis would produce similar results.

In the appeal, filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the group cites the dissenting opinion of panel member Anthony J. Baratta as grounds have the nozzle issue reopened.

Baratta stated the citizens met the standards for reopening the record to address a, "serious safety issue."

"It is something that needs to be explored. When you talk about metal fatigue of a nozzle in a reactor, that is extremely vital," said plant opponent Janet Tauro of Brick.

Tauro said the opinion of Baratta — one of two technical judges on the panel — that rejecting the motion is a "grave error," has given opponents hope.

"It buoys us very much," she said.
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