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April 20, 2009

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

LICENSEE: ABB, INC. MN 09-005

FACILITY: ABB INC., WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT SITE

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 25, 2009, PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE STATUS OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) OVERSIGHT OF DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES AT THE ABB, INC. (ABB) WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, SITE

On March 25, 2009, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., NRC staff conducted a Category 3 meeting with the public at the Windsor Town Hall, in Windsor, Connecticut. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public regarding the status of NRC oversight of ABB decommissioning activities at the former Combustion Engineering-Windsor site in Hanford County, Windsor, Connecticut. The meeting provided the public with an opportunity to engage in dialog with and ask questions of the NRC. NRC presentations included a description of the NRC mission, NRC roles and responsibilities, an overview of the NRC decommissioning process, a brief summary of the progress of decommissioning activities at the Windsor site, and a general discussion of future actions that will be necessary for successful unconditional release of the site. A partial list of meeting attendees is enclosed.

Portions of the 612 acre site were used at various times to conduct and support nuclear research and development work, including the construction, testing and operation of the S1C U.S. Naval test reactor. The site was also used by ABB, Inc., (formerly Combustion Engineering-Windsor) to manufacture naval and commercial nuclear fuel. These activities began in the mid-1950s and continued until 2001. As a result of those operations, some soils, buildings, and equipment surfaces were contaminated with low levels of radioactive materials.

To date, remediation activities at the site have included: 1) successful decommissioning of areas associated with the S1C U.S. Naval test reactor by the Department of Energy in 2006; 2) successful decommissioning of 365 contiguous acres of the site associated with the manufacture of commercial nuclear fuels, which were approved for release for unrestricted use by the NRC in January 2009; and 3) preparations for the remediation, survey, and release of the remaining areas of the site that were impacted by the fabrication of naval fuel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the remediation of the areas impacted by naval fuel production as part of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). In August 2007, these areas were turned over to ABB for decommissioning, under NRC oversight, as part of an agreement between USACE and NRC. Since that time, ABB has been actively planning for the remediation, survey, and release of the remaining areas of the site.

In December 2008, ABB submitted a revised decommissioning plan (DP) to the NRC that addressed the remediation, survey, and release of the remainder of the site, with the exception of the site brook areas which will be addressed in a subsequent amendment to the DP. NRC is currently reviewing the DP and will request additional information from ABB. NRC expects to complete the review and approve the DP in the near future. Upon approval of the DP, ABB will begin to remediate the FUSRAP areas. During remediation, NRC will conduct independent radiological confirmatory surveys to determine if ABB has successfully decontaminated site areas to the NRC approved standards outlined in the DP. The State of Connecticut will also conduct independent confirmatory surveys at the site. The NRC will obtain concurrence from the USACE, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Connecticut prior to license termination at the Windsor site.

During the course of the public meeting, representatives of the local government, State officials, and members of the public made comments and asked questions of NRC staff. Feedback forms submitted by the public following the meeting will be evaluated. The meeting notice with the attached meeting agenda and the meeting slides can be located in ADAMS package ML090570407. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html

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Agenda

7:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Randolph Ragland, NRC, RI
7:10 p.m.	Decommissioning Process Overview – Randolph Ragland, NRC, RI
7:30 p.m.	NRC Activities at Windsor- Jim Schmidt, NRC, RI
8:00 p.m.	Governmental Stakeholder Comments Town of Windsor State of Connecticut
8:15 p.m.	Questions and Answers – All
8:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks – Randolph Ragland, NRC, RI
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn