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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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- References:
- (a) License No. DPR-36 (Docket No. 50-309)
 - (b) ISFSI Docket No. 72-030
 - (c) Maine Yankee Letter to USNRC dated February 2, 2009, "Submission of Revision 0 to the Maine Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Physical Security Plan" MN-09-003
 - (d) USNRC Letter to Maine Yankee dated April 30, 2009 (TAC NO. L24322)
 - (e) Maine Yankee Letter to USNRC dated September 29, 2009; MN-09-014
 - (f) USNRC Letter to Yankee Atomic Electric Company dated March 13, 2002 (TAC NO. MB0209)
 - (g) USNRC Letter to Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company dated January 30, 2003 (TAC NO. MB2085)
 - (h) Maine Yankee Letter to NRC dated December 22, 2009, Request for Proposed Amendment to Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan and Exemption from NRC Regulations 10CFR73.55

Subject: Request for Proposed Amendment to Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan and Exemption from NRC Regulations 10CFR73.55

In Reference (c), Maine Yankee submitted to the USNRC, a complete revision (Rev. 0) to the Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan, pursuant to 50.90. In Reference (d), USNRC indicated that Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan Revision 0 did not constitute a decrease in safeguards effectiveness and could be implemented without NRC prior review and approval, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(p). Accordingly, Maine Yankee implemented the change and submitted the revised ISFSI Physical Security Plan to the USNRC, by Reference (e).

Pursuant to 10CFR 50.90 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Co. (Maine Yankee) requests Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval of an amendment to the Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan. Maine Yankee also requests approval of an exemption from NRC Regulations 10 CFR 73.55(i)(4)(ii)(A). Specifically, Maine Yankee requests to be exempted from the provision in 10 CFR 73.55(i)(4)(ii)(A) which states that the central alarm station must be located within the protected area.

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Maine Yankee previously submitted this exemption request in reference (h) with a paragraph citation from the former 73.55. This letter updates the paragraph citation to the version of 73.55 which has an implementation date of March 31, 2010.

Attachment A describes the proposed amendment to Maine Yankee Security Plan and provides supporting justification. Attachment B describes the request for exemption from NRC Regulation 10 CFR 73.55(i)(4)(ii)(A) and provides justification to show why, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense or security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Similar requests have been approved for Yankee Atomic Electric Company and for Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company in References (f) and (g).

If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. James Connell, ISFSI Manager, at (207) 882-1303.

Very truly yours,



James Connell
ISFSI Manager

Attachments:

- A. Request for Proposed Amendment to Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan
- B. Request for Exemption
- C. Page changes to the Maine Yankee ISFSI Physical Security Plan

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