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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT LICENSING ACTION

LICENSEE: Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-271

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A FINAL NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS
CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION AND LICENSE AMENDMENT FOR
WHICH A HEARING HAS BEEN REQUESTED

This is to inform the Commission that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff intends to issue a final no significant hazards consideration determination and license amendment on or about February 4, 2015, to Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee). This action is being taken in response to the licensee's amendment application dated March 24, 2014,¹ as supplemented by letters dated May 21, 2014,² and August 14, 2014,³ and will modify Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VY). Specifically, the license amendment will revise the VY site emergency plan for the permanently defueled condition to reflect changes in the on-shift staffing and Emergency Response Organization staffing.

A hearing on the license amendment was requested by the State of Vermont, through its Public Service Department, on September 22, 2014 (Hearing Request).⁴ On January 28, 2015, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board presiding over the matter denied the hearing request.⁵

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¹ Letter from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Changes to the Vermont Yankee Emergency Plan," dated March 24, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14085A257).

² Letter from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Changes to the Vermont Yankee Emergency Plan - Supplement 1 (TAC No. MF3668)," dated May 21, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14149A048).

³ Letter from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Changes to the Vermont Yankee Emergency Plan - Supplement 2 (TAC No. MF3668)," dated August 14, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14231A019).

⁴ Vermont Department of Public Service Notice of Intention to Participate, Petition to Intervene, and Hearing Request (dated Sept. 22, 2014; filed via the NRC's E-Filing system on Sept. 24, 2014) (ADAMS Accession No. ML14267A523).

⁵ *Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.* (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), LBP-15-4, 81 NRC ____ (Jan. 28, 2015) (slip op. at 1).

Thus, no adjudicatory proceeding is currently pending and the NRC staff is not required to provide the Commission with advance notice of the staff's intent to issue the license amendment. Nevertheless, given the circumstances, the staff determined that it would be prudent to notify the Commission that it intends to issue the license amendment in the next few days.

The State of Vermont will be notified of the issuance of this license amendment. In addition, the Office of General Counsel will notify the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and the parties that the NRC staff intends to issue this license amendment and the associated final no significant hazards consideration determination

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Date amendment issued: <u>02/04/2015</u>
Date received by licensee: <u>02/04/2015</u>
Date [petitioner] notified: <u>02/04/2015</u>

Do not declare as *Official Agency Record* until after the amendment has been received by the licensee.

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