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## General Comment

I'm responding to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's request for comments relative to its Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070) in the capacity of a writing contributor on economic matters to the Southwest (NH) Region Planning Commission.

I have written principally about the regional economic impact of the December 2014 closing of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Vernon, Vt., but I expect that my perspectives would be relevant to the closing of all nuclear power plants that are licensed by the NRC.

For their own economic survival, communities that host nuclear power reactors should be engaged in the decommissioning process well before any decommissioning process begins a formal basis. That's because the successful transition to a future that lacks the economic punch of a nuclear power plants requires significant resources, planning and internal resiliency.

By virtue of its role in siting and regulating such power plants, the NRC should recognize the impact of their closing. The agency carries a share of responsibility not only for the safety of the physical post-nuclear environment, but also the continuing health of the affected economic environment. The responsibility is not forever; it is for a reasonable transition period.

In order for the NRC to be adequately informed of -- and sensitive to -- local economic impacts of nuclear plant closings, it should include representatives of nuclear host communities in its decommissioning and closure process -- whether in an advisory capacity.or some other formal capacity..

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NRC's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Regulatory Improvements for Decommissioning Power Reactors (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070).

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