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Subject: [External_Sender] RE: Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Maine Yankee ISFSI exemptions
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 8:08:36 AM

Hi Kristina,

Sorry I didn't get back to you. I haven't reviewed the entire document, but don't have any comments on the part that I have reviewed.

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Subject: RE: Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Maine Yankee ISFSI exemptions

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Good morning Mr. Hyland,

I wanted to do a final check-in to see if you have any questions or comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Maine Yankee ISFSI exemptions?

If I don't hear from you today, I will proceed with processing the exemption request.

Thank you,
Kris

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Subject: RE: Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Maine Yankee ISFSI exemptions

Hi Mr. Hyland,

Happy New Year.

I just wanted to touch base with you to confirm that you received my 12/19/2024 email request to review the Draft Environmental Assessment for Maine Yankee ISFSI exemptions, and to see if you have any questions about the request or the draft environmental assessment.

Also, please let Doug Tifft (on cc.) know if you're having any trouble accessing the document in Box.

Thank you,
Kris

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Subject: Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Maine Yankee ISFSI exemptions

Dear Mr. Hyland,

The purpose of this email is to notify you of the planned issuance of an exemption for the Maine Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, and to request your review of the draft environmental assessment (EA) for this action.

Background:

- Maine Yankee is requesting the continuation of three exemptions from the terms and conditions of Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 (NAC-UMS[®] spent fuel storage system) that were previously approved for Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1015. Maine Yankee plans to adopt Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 as part of its work to adopt the Renewed CoC No. 1015. Maine Yankee submitted its exemption request by letter dated March 28, 2024 ([ML24094A060](#)), as supplemented by email dated October 30, 2024 ([ML24304B052](#)).

- The requested exemptions are the same exemptions as have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC on multiple prior occasions as the licensee has sought, over time, to use new amendments to CoC No. 1015.
- The most recent NRC approval of the exemptions was in 2019 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-10/pdf/2019-14711.pdf>). The January 29, 2019, letter from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services noted the State had no objections to that prior exemption request ([ML19038A057](#)).
- The NRC issued Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015, effective August 29, 2022 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-06-14/pdf/2022-12746.pdf>).
- The NRC staff verified that there is no change in the conditions under which the exemptions were previously approved. The NRC staff has prepared documentation of the exemption, which includes an EA for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Request:

- For your review, the *Federal Register* notice (FRN) contains a draft EA for this proposed exemption (section III B. of the notice, “Environmental Consideration”). Additional background about the exemption is provided in the FRN.
- Doug Tiffit will share the FRN with you via MS Box, as the FRN is considered official use only draft information for your review. Please let Doug know if you have any trouble accessing the document in Box.
- Please provide any comments on the EA by January 21, 2025. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Kris

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