

## **Connecticut Yankee (CY) Fuel Storage Advisory Committee Meeting (FSAC)**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam, CT**

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Attendees**

FSAC Members: Melissa Schlag (Chair), Raul de Brigard (Secretary), Brantley Buerger(CY), Ayanti Grant (Congressman Joe Courtney's Office), Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton), Ed Schwing (substitute for CAN member and editor of the Haddam Bulletin), Cynthia Tangney (State government representative, Emergency Management, Harvey Thomas (East Haddam), and Mark Walter (East Haddam).

Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council (NEAC): Marge Debold, Robert Klancko, John Sheehan, Jim Sherrard, and Ray Woolrich

State of Connecticut: Mike Firsick (DEEP Liaison)

Public: Alan and Myra Aronow, Alicea Charamut, (Connecticut River Watershed Council) Norb Heil (HT of CT Bassmasters), John and Kate Hull, Jim McHutchison (CYCP), and Sharon and Steve Wassell,

Yankee: Bob Capstick, Shae Hemingway and John Arnold (note taker)

#### **Summary (Agenda Attached)**

Chair Melissa noted with regret the recent passing of long-time member Harvey Clew. She noted that his contribution to this and other Town activities will be very much missed.

**Approval of the May 20, 2014 Meeting Summary – Approved**

#### **CY ISFSI Site Status Report Update**

Brantley then provided his Status Report updating the FSAC on ISFSI Operations (VCC inspections, Phase II pad repair, cask relicensing), completion of the Groundwater Monitoring Program which restored the site to unrestricted use, Site Security enhancements, the start of a Forestry Management program, and the agreement reached with the CT DEEP and DESPP to remove the canal boom. He spoke from the attached meeting handout, "ISFSI Update".

Brantley stated that the CT DEEP had approved the Certificate of Completion documenting that CY had completed all the obligations under the Stewardship Program groundwater investigation and site remediation activities. CY will let the FSAC know when this will be formally announced and an event with DEEP scheduled to

acknowledge it. Mike Firsick noted the significance of this achievement as CY is believed to be the first commercial light water nuclear reactor site in the US to be released for unrestricted use.

A couple of members asked Brantley about the new canal security project. A NEAC member asked if VCC spider cracking was random or localized. Brantley indicated the cracking was random around a couple of the vent locations.

Melissa requested that since most of the public attendees were interested in the status of the canal boom, that the agenda be changed so that the public comment and question session could occur at this point. There were no objections to this change.

### **Public Questions and Statements**

Alicea thanked CY for agreeing to remove the canal boom and provide public access to the canal and stated that there was some public concern that the boom redeployment criteria in the agreement were too general. She has submitted language to Melissa to tighten the criteria. Brantley explained that the re-deployment requirements were established in consultation with the CT DEEP and DESPP and they would need to be involved in any changes to that part of the agreement.

Norb also thanked CY and stated that we were all in a much better place regarding the boom issue this year versus last year but that more details in the criteria regarding boom re-deployment were needed.

Melissa stated that using the language provided to her by Alicea, she would work with DEEP and CY to try to modify the language of the agreement and permit. She noted that we are almost there regarding the addressing of the canal boom issue.

Ed asked if the canister welds would be inspected as part of the canister relicensing effort. Bob responded that CY was involved with industry and NRC canister system aging management studies and the associated inspection related and industry operating experience sharing guidance that is currently under development. The CY canister storage system license expires in 2020 and CY is planning to submit the application for license extension in the 2018 timeframe.

### **National Nuclear Waste Issue Update**

Bob Capstick provided the attendees with an update on nuclear waste issues from the national perspective. He spoke from the attached handout document entitled "Federal Nuclear Waste Management Program Update."

Questions were asked about the recently announced consolidated interim storage site plans by a Texas company and about the DOE lawsuits. Bob explained that proceeds from the DOE lawsuits flow back to the ratepayers though CY's owner companies under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission oversight.

Bob provided the following additional information in response to questions:

- The DOE is examining spent fuel barge transport in addition to rail transport.
- There is no update regarding the future disposition the CY property.
- The consolidation of New England electric utilities that own CY has not made for significant change in the members of the CY Board of Directors. Governance is determined by the percentage of ownership of each of the original owning utilities. Some of CY's owners, however, are owned by foreign companies and NRC regulations address how companies are governed to ensure there is no adverse foreign control.

Mark Walters stated that he toured the CY site and was impressed with the professionalism that he found.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

The members voted to hold the 2016 meeting on May 10, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 7:15 PM.

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## Agenda

6:00 Call FSAC Meeting to Order

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Status Report – Brantley Buerger

ISFSI Operations

Groundwater Monitoring Program

Security Program Update

Forestry Management

Canal Boom

Federal Nuclear Waste Management Program Update – Bob Capstick

DOE Spent Fuel Lawsuit Status Update – Bob Capstick

Public Comment and Questions

Suggested 2016 Meeting date: May 10, 2016?

8:00 Adjournment