

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

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam, CT

Approved 5/15/2018

Attendees

FSAC Members: Kevin Alvarez for Ayanti Grant (Congress), Matt Arsenault (CY), Dan Casey (Haddam Neck), Terry Concannon (East Hampton), Marge Debold (Haddam), Vic Fetter (Chester), Thomas Lenart (CT Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security), Emmett Lyman (First Selectman, East Haddam), and Lizz Milardo (First Selectman, Haddam).

Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council (NEAC): Ed Munster, Jim Sherrard

State of Connecticut: Mike Firsick (DEEP Liaison)

CYCP: Jim McHutchison

Public: None

Yankee: Bob Capstick, Wayne Norton and John Arnold (note taker)

Election

Vice Chair, Terry Concannon, called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Lizz Milardo nominated Terry Concannon as Chair. Vic Fetter seconded the nomination. Terry was unanimously elected as Chair.

Approval of May 10, 2016 Meeting Summary

The May 10, 2016 meeting summary was approved.

CY ISFSI Site Status Report

Matt provided a CY status site update report and spoke from the attached meeting handout, "ISFSI Site Update".

There were several questions raised and addressed:

1. The application for the storage cask system NRC license extension is for 40 years.

2. CY expects the NRC to provide the date of next year's site inspection in the next few months. The inspections normally take a couple of days.
3. The groundwater monitoring wells were closed after two years of results documenting continuous test results below the regulatory levels set by the State and Federal governments.
4. Snow is removed from around the casks by shoveling and snow blowers.
5. Vermont Yankee and other nuclear power plants planning on undergoing decommissioning are taking advantage of CY's decommissioning lessons learned by interaction with CY personnel and benchmarking site visits. Also, CY personnel are active in national organizations addressing decommissioning and spent fuel storage issues such as the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Decommissioning Plant Coalition.
6. The impetus for a change in ownership at Vermont Yankee is that they are undergoing plant decommissioning which CY has already completed. CY does not envision a change in ownership at this time. CY would consult with the FSAC and other key stakeholders should such a change be considered in the future.

National Nuclear Waste Program and DOE Spent Fuel Lawsuit Status 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 Waste Issue Update." In response to questions the following information was also provided.

1. The bill introduced in the last session of Congress to provide financial support for local communities hosting a stand-alone ISFSI site has yet to be re-introduced this session. CY does not know if or when this legislation will be reintroduced.
2. DOE is in the process of developing and procuring rail cars that meet new American Railroad Association standards for spent nuclear fuel shipments that enhance transportation safety and help expedite travel on the private rail systems across the country.
3. NRC Commissioner appointments are for five years.
4. Shipping US spent fuel overseas for reprocessing was previously evaluated by CY in the 1990's and required federal authorization.
5. CT radiological and emergency planning personnel are primarily supported by fees paid by Millstone with some contribution by CY.

6. Spent fuel storage and decommissioning funds are collected into and paid from a trust fund set up for that purpose under NRC regulations. The distribution of litigation proceeds awarded to CY from DOE Spent Fuel lawsuits are subject to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings that involve the participation of Connecticut state regulators. Litigation damage awards are paid from a federal Judgment Fund administered by the US Department of Justice.

Public Comments and Questions

There were no public attendees or questions.

Next Meeting Date

The members voted to hold the 2018 meeting on May 15, 2018 (third Tuesday in May).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 7:21 PM.

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Meeting Agenda

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Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Rte. 82, 55 Bridge Rd.,
Haddam, CT

Agenda

6:00 Call FSAC Meeting to Order – Terry Concannon
Election of Chair
Approval of May 10, 2016 meeting summary

Status Report – Matt Arsenault
ISFSI Operations – Including change in ISFSI Manager
Groundwater Monitoring Program
Security and Equipment Upgrades
8/3/16 Biennial Emergency Plan Exercise
Cask Relicensing

Federal Nuclear Waste Management Program Update – Bob Capstick

DOE Spent Fuel Lawsuit Status Update – Bob Capstick

Public Comment and Questions

Suggested 2018 Meeting date: May 15, 2018

8:00 Adjournment