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NRC HEARING SCHEDULED IN CONNECTICUT FOR HADDAM NECK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSE TERMINATION PLAN

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled an evidentiary hearing on Monday March 10, concerning the decommissioning of the Haddam Neck nuclear power plant in Haddam Neck, Conn. The plant, which was permanently shut down in December 1996, was operated by the Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company.

The hearing will begin on March 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Hearing Room One in the Connecticut Department of Public Control Building, Ten Franklin Square, in New Britain, Conn. The hearing will continue from day to day until concluded. At the end of each day, the Board will announce when the hearing will reconvene.

This proceeding involves certain challenges by the Citizens Awareness Network (CAN) to a license amendment request by Connecticut Yankee, in which it seeks approval of a license termination plan (LTP) for the Haddam Neck plant. The Board will hear evidence on CAN's challenges to the adequacy of the LTP to protect the public health and safety in two subject areas: the dose modeling calculation methodology, and the methodology for detection and cleanup of certain forms of radiological contamination.

Members of the public are invited to attend the evidentiary hearing, which will be conducted in a manner similar to a courtroom proceeding, with similar restrictions on public conduct and participation, which will be limited to observation only. Also, in accordance with NRC policy, signs, banners, posters and displays will not be allowed during the evidentiary hearing.

Any members of the public who attend are strongly advised to arrive early, to allow time to pass through a security screening checkpoint. Attendees are also requested not to bring any unnecessary hand-carried items, such as packages, briefcases, backpacks, and other items that might need to be examined individually. Items that could readily be used as weapons will not be permitted in the hearing room. No facilities will be available for storing any items outside the hearing room, and attendees with items requiring inspection may be delayed in obtaining entry.

One session for limited appearance statements is scheduled, for the evening of March 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the same location as the hearing, with similar security procedures. During this

session members of the public who wish to speak may do so, and signs no larger than 18" by 18" will be permitted, but may not be attached to sticks, held up or moved about in the meeting room. The time allotted for each statement will normally be no more than five minutes, but may be further limited depending on the number of written requests that are submitted and/or the number of persons present on the evening of March 11. Although these public limited appearance statements do not constitute testimony or evidence, they will be transcribed and may help the Board and/or the parties in their consideration of the issues in this proceeding.

Those who submit timely written requests to make oral statements will be given a priority over those who have not filed such requests. To be considered timely, a written request to make an oral statement should be mailed, faxed, or sent by e-mail so as to be received by close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on Friday, February 28. Written requests should be submitted to: Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; or faxed to (301) 415-110; or emailed to: hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

In addition a copy should be sent to the Chair of this Licensing Board as follows: by mail: Administrative Judge Ann Marshall Young, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; by fax: 301/415-5599; or by E-mail: AMY@nrc.gov.

The Board will also accept written comments at any time. They should be submitted using the same methods.

Members of the Licensing Board who will preside over both the formal hearing and the limited appearance sessions are Administrative Judge Young and Administrative Judges Dr. Peter S. Lam and Thomas D. Murphy.

Documents related to this proceeding are available electronically through the agency's Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) at: www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. Help in using ADAMS is available from the NRC's Public Document Room at 800/397-4209. Those without internet access may also contact the Public Document Room at this number.

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