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NRC DECOMMISSIONING MEETING FOR HADDAM NECK

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7:00 PM
Haddam-Killingworth High School Cafeteria

NU will outline their plans for decommissioning the Haddam Neck Reactor and the NRC will discuss the new decommissioning rule and give a general overview of decommissioning.

NRC Representatives to be present will include: Mort Farile (project manager for Yankee Rowe), Semour Weiss, and people from the OGC (Office of General Council) responsible for the new decommissioning rule.

The public will be permitted to ask questions.

Come to this very important meeting. The NRC and NU will attempt to snow the public into believing that decommissioning is "no big deal". This fallacy is further complicated by the fact that the Haddam Neck reactor has been operated for 28 years in an unsafe manner without crucial safety systems and with inaccurate reactor blue prints. There is absolutely no reason to believe that it will be dismantled safely. Decommissioning is a big deal as workers, the public and the environment risk higher than necessary radiation exposures.

The NRC allowed Yankee Rowe to be decommissioned in a fast, dirty, illegal and undemocratic manner. The NRC then codified the Yankee Rowe decommissioning experience, stripping citizens of their right to be involved in an issue which vitally effects them. How Haddam Neck is decommissioned will surely set the precedent for CT and the rest of New England.

A message from Rosemary Bassilakis, Citizens Awareness Network
Conn. seeks probe of Conn. Yankee plant shutdown

Source: Reuters

HARTFORD, Reuters via Individual Inc. : Connecticut officials said Monday they want to know how much the proposed closing of the Connecticut Yankee nuclear plant, operated by Northeast Utilities <NU.N>, will cost ratepayers.

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) Chairman

Reginald Smith in a statement urged federal energy regulators to consider carefully the costs of shutting

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down the plant.

Blumenthal and Smith said in a letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman

Elizabeth Anne Moler that the FERC should "review not only (Northeast's) economic analysis but must

additionally determine whether final closure was the result of mismanagement or imprudence."

A group of power companies headed by Northeast said on Dec 4 they would permanently close the

Connecticut Yankee plant, amid criticisms of Northeast's nuclear operations.

The 682-megawatt station in Haddam Neck, Conn., was shut down for repairs and refueling July 22.

The plant was operated and 49-percent owned by Northeast, with the balance owned by seven other New

England utilities.

A Northeast spokesman said last month that dismantling the plant, which had 350 employees, would cost about \$425 million.

The 29-year-old plant had been licensed to operate until 2007. But after its shutdown in July, an economic

analysis showed that customers could potentially save \$100 million or more by the early closing of the plant.

The FERC is required to approve the cost of permanently closing nuclear plants and is responsible for

determining which of those costs should be passed on to ratepayers.

Blumenthal and Smith noted that the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) found that Northeast

failed to properly operate its nuclear plants.

All three of Northeast's Millstone nuclear plants in Waterford, Conn., were closed last year for safety

reasons. Northeast's new managers said last month they expect to have all three Millstone plants ready to

restart by spring 1998.

Blumenthal and Smith noted the string of safety violations at Northeast.

"We believe that the unique circumstances surrounding the decision to close the Connecticut Yankee plant

require the FERC to enhance its effort in protecting the public interest in this matter and