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 Subject: Re: review standard for uprates

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Ms. Calvert,

Please see responses to your questions below:

**1.) Does Entergy Vermont Yankee have to go through the NRC's apparantly new review standard?**

As discussed in the NRC's letter to Entergy, dated December 15, 2003 (copy attached), the NRC staff intends to use review standard RS-001 to perform the evaluation of the 20 percent power uprate amendment request for Vermont Yankee. A draft version of the review standard was issued for public comment in December 2002 and the current Revision 0 of the standard was issued in December 2003. The review standard is available on our website at :

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/power-uprates.html>

**2.) Has the NRC granted approval for any nuclear plant seeking a 10-20 percent power increase?**

Yes. Duane Arnold was granted approval for a 15.3 percent power increase in November 2001. Dresden 2 and 3 and Quad Cities 1 and 2 were granted approval for approximately 17 percent power increase in December 2001. Clinton was granted approval for a 20 percent power increase in April 2002 and Brunswick 1 and 2 were granted approval for a 15 percent power increase in May 2002.

Tony McMurtray

>>> Elizabeth Calvert <ecalvert@repub.com> 01/21/04 11:43AM >>>  
 Mr. McMurtray,

I am a reporter with the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. My question is: does Entergy Vermont Yankee have to go through the NRC's apparantly new review standard? Vermont Yankee applied for a 20 percent power increase a while ago, yet the review standard appears to be recently published. Has the NRC granted approval for any nuclear plant seeking a 10-20 percent power increase?

thank you for your assistance.

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