

From: Ralph Caruso
To: Raymond Shadis
Date: 10/21/05 3:35PM
Subject: Re: ACRS Meeting on July 19th

Mr. Shadis,

The ACRS today received the NRC staff's safety evaluation report related to the Vermont Yankee power uprate request. We plan to hold two meetings of our subcommittee on Power Uprates to consider this license amendment. The first meeting will be held in Brattleboro, at the Quality Inn, on November 15-16, 2005, three and one half weeks from today. The second meeting will be held here in Rockville, on either November 29-30, or Nov 30-Dec 1, 2005. The schedule of the second meeting depends on the availability of several individuals, and is not yet certain. The Federal Register notice for the November 15-16 meeting should be issued next week.

The meeting in Vermont will be open to the public, and will be for the purpose of allowing the ACRS to gather information about the application and develop its understanding so that it can be considered by the Full Committee on December 8, 2005.

We have not completed the agenda for the meeting, but we envision that the discussion during the two morning sessions will involve technical presentations by the NRC staff and Entergy related to the containment overpressure issue, the inspection results that are documented in the inspection report of December 2, 2004, possibly some aspects of the steam dryer cracking issue, and possibly some aspects of the plant test program. We envision that the afternoon sessions on both days will be set aside for other interested parties and members of the public to provide their views to the subcommittee related to the uprate request. If you wish to make a specific presentation regarding one of the specific technical issues that I have listed above, please let me know how much time you will need, and I can arrange to include you on the agenda.

As with all ACRS meetings, other individuals who wish to speak may contact me, at this email address, or by telephone (301-415-8065). We will also have a sign-up sheet at the meeting so that individuals who do not contact me in advance, can speak. We will take speakers one at a time, in the order that they sign up, throughout the afternoon of both days. We will allow electronic recordings to be made at the meeting, but will not allow any signs to be brought into the meeting room.

The meeting in Rockville will discuss other aspects of the uprate, including some issues that involve proprietary information, for which the meeting will be closed, in accordance with ACRS regulations and the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. If you wish to attend, I can register your name, and can include you on the agenda to speak during the open part of the meeting.

The copy of the staff safety evaluation that the ACRS received was marked "proprietary" by the staff. If you have comments or concerns about this designation, please contact the VY project manager, Mr. Rick Ennis, at 301-415-1420. The ACRS does not review the proprietary determinations related to these documents. ACRS procedures require that documents like this be provided to the Committee 30 days in advance of the Full Committee meeting, which is currently scheduled for December 8, 2005. Because of the heightened interest in this application, the staff provided its evaluation to the ACRS 18 days ahead of the normal schedule.

Sincerely,

Ralph Caruso

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Mr. Caruso,

Neil Sheehan at NRC OPA is apparently telling reporters that the ACRS Sub-Committee will be meeting in Vermont on November 15th to review the NRC Staff Draft SER on the Vermont Yankee Extended Power Uprate. Is this true? I am also told that this draft SER has gone to Entergy for Proprietary Information review - hence we will all have less than two weeks to review it before the ACRS Sub-Committee takes it up. Strikes us as unfair. Be that as it may, please let us know what the plans are for the ACRS Sub-Committee on Thermal-Hydraulics. Will they hear from the intervenors? The licensee? The public? Will they, as the Vermont Public Service Board expects, take up the question of whether or not the NRC team engineering inspection of Vermont Yankee in August of 2004 meets the VPSB's Order (criteria) for an deep-vertical slice (diagnostic-type) inspection? Any information that you can give us now would be gratefully appreciated

Thanks....Ray

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