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Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment: Exemption Request for Vermont Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation
Attachments: Draft VY Exemption EA 2017-0207.docx

Dear Mr. Irwin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is currently reviewing Entergy's exemption request for using the HI-STORM 100 cask system (NRC Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 72-1014, Amendment 10) at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Entergy is requesting an exemption from 10 CFR 72.214 to allow loading of higher enriched fuel assemblies with certain lower enriched fuel assemblies in the same multi-purpose canister. As part of our review of this exemption request, the NRC staff prepared the attached draft environmental assessment (EA), in accordance with NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 51, which implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. We conclude in the draft EA that approval of the exemption request will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

As we discussed on February 2, 2017, we are providing your office with the opportunity to review our draft EA and comment on environmental issues prior to public issuance of the EA. We request that the distribution and use of the draft EA be limited only to those staff involved in the review and comment process. We further request that your office provide any comments to the NRC staff by March 9, 2017. You can provide your comments to us, via email, if that is convenient for you. We will consider your timely comments and will revise the EA, as appropriate, before its final issuance.

If you have any questions as you review the draft EA, please contact me at (301) 415-1018 or Yen-Ju.Chen@nrc.gov. I will be out of the office from March 1 through 17. During my absence, please contact Norma Garcia-Santos, who is on cc to this email. Ms. Garcia-Santos can be reached at (301) 415-6999 or Norma.Garcia-Santos@nrc.gov.

Thank you in advance for your review.

Sincerely,

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