

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board  
January 15, 2003

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board met on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at the Mohawk Park Restaurant in Charlemont, MA. An appreciation dinner for CAB members was held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairman Chuck Bellows called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Twelve CAB members were present. The September 25, 2002, meeting minutes were unanimously approved without corrections.

### **Attendees:**

Gail Cariddi  
Rick Williams  
Carol Angelo  
Tom Wilson  
Lenny Laffond  
Anita Barker  
Jack Cable  
Jana Brule  
Bill LeQuier  
Chuck Bellows  
Bruce Lessels  
Alan Twitchell

### **INTRODUCTION OF RICK KACICH, YANKEE ATOMIC PRESIDENT**

Brian Wood introduced Rick Kacich, the new interim YAEC President, who replaced Russ Mellor. Mr. Mellor announced last November that he intended to retire. Rick told the CAB members he has worked with Northeast Utilities on nuclear related projects since 1970. He has been a member of the YAEC Board of Directors for two years. He thanked the CAB members for their volunteerism and told them how “valued their service is.”

Brian Wood, Yankee Site Manager, thanked Gail Cariddi for serving as CAB Chairman for three years. Yankee presented Gail with a clock in appreciation of her service.

### **DECOMMISSIONING & FUEL STORAGE UPDATE**

Brian Wood gave a brief site safety update. He stated that the overall site safety performance is excellent. There has been one lost time accident in the last two years (a total of 1,186,000 work hours). There were three OSHA recordables; two back strains

and one incident that occurred in training. Worker radiation exposures are even lower than the set goal.

Fuel transfer operations continue daily. The lower tier fuel inspections have been completed. Fuel reloading resumed in November, 2002 after Yankee obtained NRC approval of a NAC canister license amendment. Ten storage casks (VCCs) are loaded and on the fuel storage pad. Yankee expects to have all of the storage casks loaded and placed on the pad by the end of April, 2003.

### **STATUS OF OTHER SITE ACTIVITIES**

The most recent NRC inspection report on fuel transfer operations found no violations and left no open items. Security operations are still at a Level III. The Annual Emergency Drill was successfully conducted in December 2002. Yankee will be filing an amended damage claim in its lawsuit against the DOE for not accepting the spent fuel as promised. The amended claim reflects additional costs tied to the DOE's failure to remove the fuel, such as post-9/11 security costs.

### **UPCOMING DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES**

Final negotiations are in progress to select a contractor to complete D&D work, including removing the containment structure, reactor support structure and the primary vent stack. The containment structure is scheduled to be removed in the fall of 2003.

Yankee is in the process of preparing a license termination plan and expects to submit the plan to the NRC by November, 2003. Yankee also recently submitted a renewal application to the EPA for its NPDES water discharge permit that governs the release of water from the plant.

### **LICENSE TERMINATION PLAN ACTIVITIES**

Gerry van Noordennen, Yankee's new Regulatory Affairs Manager, and Greg Babineau, Safety Oversight Manager, spoke about the License Termination Plan (LTP) process, which is a major endeavor. Yankee formally withdrew its previous LTP in May of 1999 in order to incorporate new regulatory guidance that became available after that LTP had been submitted to the NRC.

Yankee resumed the LTP process in November 2002. The purpose of the LTP is to describe how Yankee will demonstrate that it has met the NRC's criteria for releasing the site for unrestricted use so that Yankee's NRC license can be terminated and the site removed from NRC control. The LTP explains the methods for measuring and verifying the remaining radioactivity on site in order to demonstrate that the site meets the release criteria.

Yankee must clean the site to a level that would result in a yearly radiation dose of 25 millirem, or less, from plant related radioactivity to a hypothetical resident farmer. The

25 millirem criterion is for all pathways that the hypothetical resident might be exposed to radiation and must be as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA). Yankee's LTP will use the NRC-approved Connecticut Yankee LTP as a starting point and will incorporate Yankee Rowe site-specific data and NRC feedback from other LTP's. Yankee will use also use MARSSIM, which was developed and approved by four federal agencies, as the guidance for conducting final radiation surveys.

Yankee expects to issue the LTP for public comment in October 2003 and to submit the LTP to the NRC in late November 2003. The NRC will hold a public meeting around the March 2004 time frame on Yankee's LTP. Yankee expects the plan to be approved in late 2004.

Yankee will still be required to hold an NRC license for the dry fuel storage facility.

Some possible LTP subjects for future CAB meetings are site characterization, dose modeling and final site survey.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held at the Mohawk Park Restaurant in Charlemont, MA on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The agenda will be announced later. July 16<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> were chosen as future CAB meeting quarterly dates with the July meeting possibly being held at the plant so a tour could be included. Yankee announced that a light dinner would be available from 6-7 p.m. prior to each quarterly meeting.

A video of this meeting is available by e-mailing Mandy Comai at [mcomai@yankee.com](mailto:mcomai@yankee.com) or [mcomai@together.net](mailto:mcomai@together.net) or by calling the Yankee Visitors Center at 413-424-5498.

Respectfully submitted,

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