



Overview of State Decommissioning Activities June 2016

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On-Going Public Service Department Filings

Valid Uses of VY Decommissioning Trust Fund (DTF)

- ▶ *Still awaiting Decision on this appeal to the NRC Commissioners*



On-Going Public Service Department Filings

- ▶ Oppose EPZ Reduction to the VY Site fence line
 - *In a 3-1 vote, the NRC Commissioners rejected Vermont's appeal for a hearing regarding the EPZ elimination*
 - *VT AGO & PSD Staff will review the ruling for potential additional action.*
 - Elimination of the Offsite EPZ remains in effect
 - VT Emergency Management & Homeland Security continues to rework the State Radiological Emergency Response plan to address changes in VY's Emergency Response posture.



On-Going Public Service Department Filings

On June 1, NRC Commissioners vacated an earlier Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) ruling granting an ASLB hearing to contest a VY License Amendment Request (LAR) that would have eliminated VY's 30 day notification requirement prior to withdrawing money from the Decommissioning Trust Fund (DTF).

- ▶ Ruling deemed moot since VY subsequently withdrew the LAR.
- ▶ Does not impact subsequent ASLB Ruling requiring VY to notify State when DTF withdrawals cover any of several specifically identified areas (Emergency Planning, Tax or Insurance Payments, Replacement of Structures, Payment to State Settlement, Legal Costs...).



On-Going State Filings

On June 3, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Vermont & several other plaintiffs in an appeal regarding NRC's Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel or "Waste Confidence" Rule.

- ▶ Implications of this decision will be discussed by PSD Legal Staff near the end of this presentation.



Certificate of Public Good for Second VY Spent Fuel Dry Cask Storage Pad

On June 17, the Public Service Board granted the CPG allowing construction of the Second Dry Cask Storage Pad to commence.

- ▶ Final Order available at:

<http://psb.vermont.gov/sites/psb/files/orders/2016/June/8300%20final%20order.pdf>

- ▶ CPG available at:

<http://psb.vermont.gov/sites/psb/files/orders/2016/June/8300%20CPG.pdf>



Additional State Activities

Regular briefings between VY & State Nuclear Engineer, VDH & ANR on VY Site Groundwater Management continue

- Other issues discussed as necessary



Additional State Activities

- ▶ State Nuclear Engineer continues monitoring VY-Relevant NRC Public Meetings
 - Fukushima Lessons Learned Webinar (June 1) was rescheduled after several significant webcast SNAFUs
 - NRC Commissioners' Briefing on NRC Activities with DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (June 20)
 - Another Project AIM 2020 Briefing (July 21)

NRC public meeting schedule is available at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings.html>

Includes webcast links, teleconference info, meeting archives & agendas.



Additional State Activities

State Nuclear Engineer attended the DOE / National Transportation Stakeholders' Forum (NTSF) Annual Meeting (June 7-9)

- Recent DOE visit to VY Site was discussed significantly
- The Ad-Hoc Rail / Routing Working Group met to plan its next steps (volunteers for first draft of inspection rules & route planning guidelines, recommend route planning tool)
- Sandia Laboratory session on modeling fires engulfing spent fuel dry casks shows promise for answering VT questions on Spent Fuel Pool fires.



June 3 DC Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling

Placeholder



State Decommissioning Reminders

- ▶ NDCAP Meeting Schedules, Presentations, Approved Advisory Opinions, Annual Reports and links to meeting recordings are available through the **NEW** Public Service Department Website:

<http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap>

- ▶ Comments / Questions for NDCAP may be emailed to PSD.NDCAP@vermont.gov or through PSD's Consumer Affairs & Public Information Division:

http://publicservice.vermont.gov/about_us/contact_us
800-622-4496



- ▶ Any additional comments from PSD, ANR, VDH or DEMHS?

- ▶ Questions?