

Decommissioning Reactor License Transfer Review Process

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Reactor Decommissioning License Transfers

- License transfers are common
- The license for Vermont Yankee has been transferred previously (VYNPC to Entergy in 2002)
- Transfers of decommissioning reactors licenses are unique in that the plant is shutdown and the new licensee is not a power utility or company that typically operates power reactors
- Transfers of decommissioning reactors have occurred twice before (Zion and LaCrosse)

Review Process

- Acceptance Review
- Notice of Consideration will be published in the Federal Register, (opportunity for hearing and opportunity for public comment)
- Technical Review
- If found acceptable a Safety Evaluation Report (SER), order, and license amendment will be issued

Technical Review

- Technical Qualifications
 - Plant is permanently shutdown so operations criteria are not applicable
 - Qualifications focused on maintenance, ISFSI, and decommissioning
- Financial Qualifications
 - Adequate funding
 - Contingent funding

Reactor Decommissioning Financial Assurance

- Oversight of financial assurance continues until the license is terminated
- Licensee submits a financial assurance status report annually
- The report includes amounts spent on decommissioning, remaining trust fund balance, and estimated cost to complete decommissioning
- The report is reviewed for reasonable assurance of the adequacy of decommissioning funding

Reactor Decommissioning Inspection Program

- Continues until the license is terminated
- Inspection Manual Chapter 2561 – “Decommissioning Power Reactor Inspection Program”
- Core & discretionary inspection procedure implementation according to type and level of decommissioning activity
- Inspection of core procedures annually
- Inspection Reports are publically available

Questions?