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NRC To Hold Public Meeting Feb. 19 To Receive Comments On Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Report

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will conduct a public meeting, Feb. 19, in Brattleboro, Vt., to discuss and receive comments on a report that serves as a roadmap for decommissioning activities at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the Quality Inn, at 1380 Putney Road in Brattleboro.

Vermont Yankee is a 42-year-old boiling-water reactor in Vernon (Windham County), Vt., owned by Entergy. It was permanently shut down on Dec. 29, 2014. The company submitted the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for the plant to the NRC on Dec. 19, 2014.

The report describes the company's plans to move all of the spent nuclear fuel generated over the plant's lifetime into dry cask storage and to put the plant into SAFSTOR, or storage. Eventually, plant components will be removed, the site's nuclear-related buildings will be decontaminated and dismantled, and any residual radioactivity at the site will have to be cleaned up to meet allowable federal and state limits.

A copy of the PSDAR can be viewed on the NRC's [website](#).

In addition to the Feb. 19 meeting, the NRC is also accepting written comments on the decommissioning report. The deadline for submitting comments is March 23. Written comments can be submitted using the Docket ID, NRC-2014-50-271, on the Regulations.Gov website. Comments may also be submitted, using the Docket ID, via mail to: Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 3WFN-06-A44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.