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NRC to Take Part in NDCAP meeting on Vermont Yankee License Transfer Application and Revised Decommissioning Report

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will participate in a meeting of the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Advisory Panel in Brattleboro, Vt., on May 25, to discuss an application to transfer the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant's operating license to NorthStar Decommissioning Company, LLC. The NRC will also take oral and written comments on the application for the proposed license transfer and proposed update to the post-shutdown decommissioning activities report.

The NDCAP meeting will begin at 6 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at Brattleboro Area Middle School, 109 Sunny Acres in Brattleboro. According to the [agenda](#), following an update on decommissioning activities by Entergy, NRC staff will present an overview of review processes for the license transfer application and the revised PSDAR. They will answer questions from the panel followed by the public.

In February, current plant owner Entergy Nuclear Operations submitted an [application](#) to transfer the NRC license to NorthStar Decommissioning Co. LLC. If approved, NorthStar would assume responsibility for the facility and the site's dry cask storage installation. In addition, NorthStar has submitted a [revised PSDAR](#) to reflect its plans to accelerate plant decommissioning should the license transfer be approved. Vermont Yankee permanently shut down in December 2014.

The NRC will issue in the [Federal Register](#) a notice of an opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding on the transfer application. The deadline to submit a petition requesting a hearing is 20 days from publication. The notice will provide petition filing requirements in accordance with the Commission's rules. Background information regarding the [hearing process](#) is available on the NRC website.

A petition to intervene must be electronically submitted in a timely manner to the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange system. The petition must be filed in accordance with the NRC's [E-Filing Rule](#). Additional guidance and instructions regarding electronic submissions to the EIE system are available on the NRC [website](#).

The *Federal Register* notice will also include instructions for submitting written comments on the license transfer request or the PSDAR. The deadline for filing comments is 30 days after publication.