CY Oversight

IMAC Visit
The Independent Management Assessment Committee (IMAC) visited CY the week of Oct. 2 to review a wide range of decommissioning activities. On this visit, IMAC focused on schedule and budget performance, operations and maintenance performance, industrial and radiological safety, as well as current decommissioning activities. The IMAC praised CY performance in a number of areas and will detail their recommendations to the Joint Oversight Committee (JOC) on October 13, 2000. The report will be available after the JOC has had an opportunity to review the recommendations.

EPRI Workshop on Decommissioning
EPRI sponsored a workshop October 2 & 3, at Millstone, on decommissioning technologies. The workshop, Plant Reconfiguration and Engineering Processes, was designed to provide a unique forum for the operators of nuclear facilities to address their specific decommissioning issues and exchange information with those who have direct experience. CY management presented at the workshop and the program concluded with a tour of Connecticut Yankee.

Laundry Concern
A concern was raised last week by a local resident on our practice of washing training clothing at a local Laundromat. Although the yellow protective clothing seen at the local Laundromat is the same type used by plant workers, the clothing in question was used for training purposes only and was not contaminated. A Condition Report was initiated, we temporarily suspended sending this training protective clothing to the Laundromat, and we are reviewing the practice. To provide further assurance, a 100% survey of the training program protective clothing for radiation has been conducted. No radiation was detected. This has been verified by a random check conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection.

CY’s IT Transition
CY’s transition from Northeast Utilities’ IT Systems has been postponed until the weekend of October 20.

RANDEC Tour
On October 2, a delegation of 22 from Japan’s Research Association for Nuclear Facility Decommissioning (RANDEC) visited CY and we provided a tour by management. The delegation was in the US attending the SPECTRUM meeting in Chattanooga, TN the previous week.

Bechtel Decommissioning Activities:
- Current Bechtel staffing: 128 craft, 75 non-manuals, 168 subcontractors
- Segmentation of reactor pressure vessel internals continues.
- The removal of commodities from containment continues.
- Radiation Monitor R-18 is being abandoned. Radiation Monitor-22 is being repowered.
- The relocation of the dressout facility continues.
- Workers have started preparation work for creating a second Alternate Containment Access.
- The former Administration Building has been placed on construction power in preparation for demolition.
- Characterization activities in the Spent Fuel Pool continue.
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Land Donation
Connecticut Yankee and CLF Services, a non-profit affiliate of the Conservation Law Foundation, announced (10-11-00) that they will be working together to develop and implement an open, community involved process for the ultimate disposition of a significant portion of the 500-plus acre CY site. CY and CLF Services will be seeking input on the possible donation of some or all of the remaining CY-owned property to permanently conserve the surrounding woodland. A pre-announcement luncheon was held for 20 invited area residents and town officials to hear Ken Heider and CLF Services vice president Alan Wilson speak to the donation process and answer questions. An all-hands meeting was held for CY employees to announce and explain the land donation process. A news release was also issued.

ISFSI
Provided a tour of the ISFSI location for a reporter from the Hartford Advocate newspaper. Article published in the October 12th edition.

REGULATORY UPDATE

NRC Exit
On September 28, 2000, the NRC summarized the 19-week inspection period covered under Inspection Report 2000-02. This report is expected to be issued by November 1, 2000. The NRC was satisfied that decommissioning was proceeding in a well-planned and coordinated manner. Areas inspected that were performed well included large component removal, release of materials, power removal of the Turbine Building, corrective actions, effluent controls, hot particle exposure controls and radwaste shipments. Also noted, as potential non-cited violations were the failure to post high radiation areas on August 21 and 31, 2000 and failure to follow procedures for the respiratory protection program. Five previous open items are expected to be closed, one resulting in a non-cited violation for failing to obtain a Part 20 permit in 1985 for discharge canal dredging material placed on the southwest peninsula.

Gateway Commission
On September 28, 2000, Noah Fetherston and Gerry van Noordennen attended this meeting to discuss the ISFSI site. The board members asked numerous questions about the ISFSI and will provide a letter to the Town of Haddam regarding the proposed new industrial zone for the ISFSI site. The Gateway Commission reviews and approves new zones implemented by towns in the areas bordering the Connecticut River.

Environmental Tour
On October 2, 2000, consultants preparing the state environmental permits and siting council application for the new gas plant toured the CY site with Gerry van Noordennen, Regulatory Affairs. The tour focused on various environmental aspects of the site including the intake structure, discharge canal, existing potable wells, septic system and storm water drainage. Other issues discussed were noise levels, lighting, parking and traffic.

LTP Update
Exhibit posters and other preparations continue for the NRC public meeting scheduled for the evening of October 17, 2000 at the Haddam/Killingworth High School auditorium. Ed Kalinowski, Portland’s First Selectman and vice chairman of CDAC will moderate at the meeting.
MEETINGS – EVENTS

October 2, 2000 – October 13, 2000

- Middletown Rotary meetings in Middletown on October 3 & 10.
- Middlesex Community Technical College Foundation meeting in Middletown on October 2.
- Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce School Business Committee meeting in Middletown on October 3.
- Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Portland/East Hampton Division meeting in Portland on October 4.
- Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce in Old Saybrook on October 5.
- Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting in Cromwell on October 6.
- Middlesex Community Technical College Executive Committee meeting in Middletown on October 9.