

Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 23, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on January 21, 2000 to Mimi Wallace, Permit No. 2000-023. A permit was issued on January 22, 2000 to Christian H. Fritsen, Permit No. 2000-024.

**Joyce Jatko,**

*Acting Permit Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-27]1**

### **Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Conforming Amendment, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the transfer of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee). The transfer would be to AmerGen Vermont, LLC (AmerGen Vermont). The Commission is also considering amending the license for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer. Vermont Yankee is located in Vernon, Vermont.

According to an application for approval of the transfer and a conforming license amendment filed by the AmerGen Vermont and Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (VYNPC), the current license holder, AmerGen Vermont would assume title to the facility following approval of the proposed license transfer, and would be responsible for the operation maintenance and eventual decommissioning of Vermont Yankee. In addition, substantially all of VYNPC's employees located at Vermont Yankee involved in operation and maintenance will assume similar roles and responsibilities for AmerGen Vermont at Vermont Yankee. No physical changes

to the Vermont Yankee facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

AmerGen Vermont is a Vermont limited liability company established by AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) to own and operate Vermont Yankee. AmerGen Vermont is a wholly owned substantially of AmerGen. AmerGen is a Delaware limited liability company formed to acquire and operate nuclear power plants in the United States. AmerGen is owned by PEPCO Energy Company and British Energy, Inc.

The proposed license amendment would remove references to VYNPC in the license, add references to AmerGen Vermont, and make other administrative changes of a similar nature to reflect the proposed transfer.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By February 23, 2000, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing, and, if not the

applicants, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon counsel for VYNPC, John Ritscher, at One International Place, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110 (tel: 617-951-7000; fax: 617-951-7050; e-mail: jritsher@ropesgray.com), and counsel for AmerGen Vermont, Kevin P. Gallen, at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1800 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036-5869 (tel: 202-467-7462; fax: 202-467-7176; e-mail: kpgallen@mlb.com); the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings, and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by March 6, 2000, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington,

DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated January 6, 2000, submitted under cover of letter dated January 6, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC., and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of January 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 117th meeting on February 23-25, 2000, Room 2D Large Conference, Arnold & Mabel Beckman Center of the National Academies, 100 Academy Drive, Irvine, California.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

*Wednesday, February 23, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.*

*8:30 a.m.—12:00 Noon: Self-Assessment*—The Committee will conduct a self assessment. The Committee will review the goals set in its 1999 Action Plan, and compare those goals to its accomplishments. The Committee will examine steps it can take to increase its operational efficiency.

*1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.: Guest Speaker*—The Committee will hear a lecture by Dr. Stan Kaplan on the use of probability.

*2:45 p.m.—5:00 p.m.: Priorities*—The Committee will begin to outline possible issues for consideration in 2000 and beyond.

*Thursday, February 24, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until 4:00 p.m.*

*8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.: Review Mission, Vision, Desired Outcomes, Goals and Objectives.*

*9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.: First Tier Priorities*—Select First Tier Priority issues for the year 2000 Action Plan.

*10:45 a.m.—12:00 Noon: Second Tier Priorities*—Select Second Tier Priority issues for the year 2000 Action Plan.

*1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.: Guest Speaker*—The Committee will hear a lecture on waste minimization.

*2:45 p.m.—3:30 p.m.: Operational Issues*—The Committee will focus on issues to increase operational effectiveness.

*3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.: Succession Planning*—The Committee will focus on succession planning for members and staff over the next five years.

*Friday, February 25, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until 3:00 p.m.*

*8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.: ACNW Planning and Procedures*—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee may also discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

*10:45 a.m.—2:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACNW Reports*—The Committee will discuss planned reports on the following topics: NRC's proposed high-level waste regulation, the Defense-in-Depth philosophy, the release of solid material (tentative), and the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain specific siting guidelines (tentative).

*2:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.: Miscellaneous*—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52352). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Richard K. Major, ACNW, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the

time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, ACNW (Telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EST. ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Working Group Meeting on Control of Solid Materials

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff Working Group on control of solid materials will hold regular meetings to develop the Commission paper to be prepared for submittal to the Commission in March 2000. The meetings will be open for the public to observe the processes used for the development of the paper.

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 9, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and alternate Wednesdays after that date.

**ADDRESSES:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Room T7-A1, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC previously published an Issues Paper in a **Federal Register** notice (FRN) on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35090), indicating that it is examining its current approach for