

**Maine Yankee
Community Advisory Panel on Decommissioning
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, September 10, 2003 – Adopted 11/20/03**

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| Paula Craighead, Esq. | Yes |
| Paul D. Crary M.D., P.A. | Yes |
| General Lewis Curtis | No |
| Mr. Ted Feigenbaum | Yes |
| State Senator Chris Hall | Yes |
| Mr. Don Hudson | Yes |
| State Representative Ken Honey | Yes |
| Mr. Steve Jarrett | Yes |
| Mr. Ralph F. Keyes | Yes |
| Ms. Marjorie L. Kilkelly | Yes |
| Mr. Don Schuman | Yes |
| Mr. Raymond Shadis | No |
| Mr. Dan Thompson | Yes |

Introduction. Chair Senator Kilkelly called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Senator Kilkelly introduced Maine Yankee's Nuclear Safety and Regulatory Affairs Director Tom Williamson who presented the project update in place of Mike Meisner who is recovering from eye surgery. Senator Kilkelly asked that the minutes note the CAP's get well soon wish for Mr. Meisner.

Update on Decommissioning Status. Mr. Williamson commented that most CAP members had a first hand impression of project progress from the morning site tour so much of what he planned to cover the panel may have already heard. A copy of Mr. Williamson's presentation is included as **Attachment 1** of the meeting record. The project is now about 80 percent complete with 400 workers on-site. The last lost time accident was in May 2000. Worker dose is at about 44 percent of the NRC limit. Fuel transfer is progressing well with 34 of the 60 canisters now transferred to the dry fuel storage facility. Number 34 was the best processing time yet at 5.3 days. Mr. Williamson indicated fuel transfer should be complete by the end of February. About 53 percent of the waste expected from the project has been shipped. A major focus is loading out debris from containment. The challenge is having enough rail cars to efficiently remove waste from the site and not have too large a backlog. Demolition in progress includes: the north wall of the turbine building, transformer foundation and containment interior. Exterior demolition of containment will resume once a longer arm for the excavator is available. Planning is also underway for removal of the neutron shield tank in containment, the last large radiological component. Upcoming demolition includes the Bailey Farm house and Eaton Farm buildings. Chewonki has indicated they would prefer the buildings be removed. Remediation is progressing well in the primary auxiliary building and the forebay, and remediation of outfall 009 for nonradiological contaminants begins soon. Mr. Williamson noted that Maine Yankee has coordinated the

outfall 009 work with the harbor master as equipment will be staged in the river. Under regulatory status Mr. Williamson reported that the NRC disagrees with Maine Yankee's response to the June 24 Notice of Violation involving the empty vertical concrete cask that slid on the heavy haul trailer due to ice last winter. Mr. Williamson said this violation has to do with process, not safety and that Maine Yankee expects it to be resolved soon. Maine Yankee also plans to submit an amendment to the License Termination Plan to leave in place some of the residual contaminated concrete below the neutron shield tank in containment. This material is 60 feet below ground and removal would put workers at unnecessary risk. Leaving some of this concrete in place will be compensated for by removing additional soil resulting in a lower overall residual radiological dose. The Bailey Point RCRA Facility Investigation Report will be submitted to the State of Maine and EPA this month. The DEP will be holding a public meeting on this issue. In closing Mr. Williamson noted that the NRC and its consultants (Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education) will be on-site next week to perform confirmatory surveys much like they did earlier this year. The State will also have a team here. Questions for Mr. Williamson: How far down is the bottom of the neutron shield tank? About 60 feet below ground. How many rail cars do you need per week? About 15. Will you be sending anyone down into the ICI sump? We'd rather not. It's an industrial safety hazard.

Planning Session. Facilitator Pamela Plumb's report and notes of the planning session are attached as **Attachment 2** to the meeting record.

Committee Business. The panel approved the minutes from the July 17 CAP meeting and scheduled the next CAP meeting for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 20 at the Chewonki Center for Environmental Education.

Public Comment. Following Mr. Williamson's decommissioning update presentation Don Oyster asked the question about sending workers into the ICI sump. See above. There were no other comments or questions from the public.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM.