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> NRC TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATIONS AT HADDAM NECK NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials of Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company on Friday, October 18, to discuss apparent violations of NRC requirements at the Haddam Neck Nuclear Power Plant in Haddam, Connecticut. The predecisional enforcement conference, which is open to the public for observation only, will begin at 9 a.m. at the Hawthorne Inn, 2387 Berlin Turnpike in Berlin, Connecticut.

The apparent violations were identified during several NRC regular and special inspections, starting last November. The apparent violations include errors in design basis documents, errors introduced by design changes, inadequate corrective actions, errors in evaluations required by NRC regulations, failure to update the Final Safety Analysis Report, and violations having to do with the operability of equipment, including the containment air recirculation fans and the residual heat removal system.

The decision to hold a pre-decisional enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. Rather, the purpose is to discuss apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide the licensee an opportunity to point out any errors that may have been made in the NRC inspection report; and to enable the licensee to outline its proposed corrective actions. No decision on the apparent violations will be made at this conference. Those decisions will be made by senior NRC officials at a later time.