

Letter/Attachment for GTCC EIS Scoping Comment #159

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VIA REGULAR MAIL

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Re: **Comments by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control on the U.S. Department of Energy Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of Greater-Than-Class-C Low-Level Radioactive Waste, 72 Federal Register 40135 (July 23, 2007)**

Dear Messrs. Joyce and Kouts:

The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control ("CT DPUC") is providing these comments on (1) the Department of Energy's *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of Greater-Than-Class-C Low-Level Radioactive Waste, 72 Federal Register 40135, July 23, 2007* ("GTCC LLW NOI"), and (2) the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management's *Transportation, Aging and Disposal Canister System Performance Specification, Revision 0, June 2007* (the "TAD Specification"). Although these are distinct documents and are the responsibility of different components of the Department, the CT DPUC is commenting on them together because the issues they raise are interrelated.

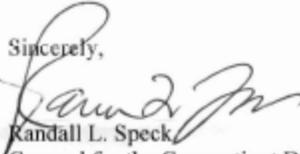
By statute, the CT DPUC regulates retail electric rates in Connecticut and has been actively involved in reviewing the decommissioning and ongoing storage of radioactive waste at the site of the former Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Plant. As a consequence of this responsibility, the CT DPUC has followed the development of radioactive waste disposal policies and requirements as they affect Connecticut Yankee. We have reviewed the comments

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offered by the Yankee Companies,¹ and we fully concur in those comments. We urge the Department to adopt the principles that the Yankee Companies propose, both with regard to the GTCC LLW NOI and the specifications for the Transportation, Aging, and Disposal Canister System.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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¹ See the September 21, 2007 letter to Messrs. Joyce and Kouts from Wayne A. Norton on behalf of Yankee Atomic Power Company, Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company, and Maine Yankee Electric Power Company (the "Yankee Companies").