

## Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel

**Minutes of November 8, 2012 Meeting at the Public Service Department, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.**

### **Attendance:**

#### VSNAP Members

Commissioner Elizabeth Miller, Chairman  
Dr. William E. Irwin, Sc.D., CHP (Representing Secretary Doug Racine)  
Lawrence Becker (Representing Secretary Deb Markowitz)  
Senator Mark MacDonald  
Dr. Leslie Kanat

#### Department of Public Service Staff

Uldis Vanags  
Sarah Hofmann

#### Vermont Emergency Management Homeland Security (VEMHS)

Joe Flynn, Director  
Erica Bornemann, Planning Chief  
John Angil, Manager, Brattleboro

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller at approximately 2:00 PM on November 8, 2012.

Chairman Miller began the meeting by introducing the Public Service Department staff and noted that Deputy Commissioner, Sarah Hofmann is leaving the Department and thanked her for her many years of service. Chairman Miller also noted that VSNAP member Jim Matteau is out on FEMA assignment and will not be present at this meeting or the next one scheduled for November 29, 2012. Chairman Miller then reviewed the VSNAP statute and mission, and noted that the primary purpose of this meeting is to have the VSNAP Panel discuss any recommendations for the upcoming annual report to the Vermont Legislature.

Chairman Miller asked for a motion to approve the agenda which was motioned by Dr. Irwin, seconded by Dr. Kanat and received a unanimous vote by the Panel.

Chairman Miller asked for a motion to accept the draft minutes with edits of the September 10, 2012 VSNAP meeting in Vernon which was motioned by Dr. Kanat, and seconded by Dr. Irwin and was voted unanimously by the Panel.

Chairman Miller then reviewed the action items from the September 10, 2012 VSNAP meeting. The completion and posting (onto the VSNAP website) of the VSNAP 2012 annual report was accomplished; an invitation to ANR to discuss the water permitting process for the November 29, 2012 VSNAP meeting was fulfilled; the posting of comments to the NRC from the Public Service Department regarding the NRC's draft guidance on seismic analysis and flood analysis for nuclear power stations was fulfilled; the posting of the proposed process for the NRC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Waste Confidence Rule was fulfilled; a request for VEMHS to attend all future VSNAP meetings was fulfilled; instructions on how and where to submit comments to

NRC on the radiological Emergency Planning rule change has been fulfilled and VEMHS will coordinate comments from the State of Vermont; posting of the FEMA after-action report for the Vermont Yankee nuclear station has been fulfilled; VEMHS to provide a cost comparison of emergency planning funding from other states was partially fulfilled with further information to be summarized and posted; and answers to questions from the public from the last VSNAP meeting regarding emergency planning were fulfilled.

Uldis Vanags provided a summary of Department activities regarding commenting on NRC draft guidance for Fukushima related seismic and flood analysis that nuclear stations will be required to conduct. Sarah Hofmann updated the Panel on the amendment that Vermont Yankee is seeking to install a diesel electricity generator to meet the NRC regulations for Station Blackout, as well as the need for Vermont Yankee to receive a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) to install the generator on their site. Also, Uldis Vanags provided information on recent NRC inspection reports for Vermont Yankee and that they will be posted onto the VSNAP website.

The Panel began discussion on whether VEMHS should be formally included as a member of the VSNAP. The Panel agreed to continue this discussion at the next VSNAP meeting. Discussion continued with the Panel on whether to issue a resolution asking the NRC to move more quickly to require usage of dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel rather than fuel pools.

The Panel discussed the crafting of the annual report and items that should be included, discussed other emergency planning topics, and observations during a tour of the Vermont Yankee station before adjourning.

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### Planning for Next VSNAP Meeting

- 1) Next meeting on November 29, 2012 at the Brattleboro High School from 6 to 9 PM.

#### Conclusion

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:45 PM on November 8, 2012. A recording of this meeting, as well as all handouts, presentations, and information requested by the Panel, is available on the VSNAP website.

#### Motions Passed with Deliverables

None

#### Action Items

- 1) VEMHS to provide an update on the review and possible comments to the NRC REP rule change that will be discussed at the next Tri-State meeting of the Emergency Planning Directors on December 18, 2012.

- 2) Obtain the after-action report for the New England Radiological Health Committee table-top and full scale exercises from Dr. Irwin and post these to the VSNAP website. In addition, have Dr. Irwin present a summary of the reports to the VSNAP at an appropriate upcoming meeting of the Panel.
- 3) Have VEMHS present to the VSNAP (at an appropriate time) changes/improvements to Emergency Planning adopted from after-action reports prior to the June 5, 2012 FEMA graded exercise for the Vermont Yankee station.
- 4) Have VEMHS provide a comparison of other state budgets for RERP and post this on the VSNAP website as well as other materials from VEMHS responding to questions from the public from the September 10, 2012 VSNAP meeting.

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