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NRC CHAIRMAN COMMENTS ON DECISION BY
YANKEE ROWE NOT TO SEEK RESTART BEFORE 1992 OUTAGE

Dr. Ivan Selin, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, today issued the following statement on the decision of Yankee Atomic Electric Company not to seek a restart of the Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant prior to the scheduled April 1992 outage.

"Dr. Andrew Kadak, President of Yankee Atomic Electric Company, has informed us that rather than devote resources to a short term restart of the Yankee Rowe plant, his company has decided that those resources 'would be better directed at assuring a thorough inspection, sampling and irradiation test program' on the condition of the Yankee pressure vessel.

"I believe this is a most responsible action on the part of Yankee Rowe management. Their emphasis on plant safety is to be commended. The NRC staff will continue to work closely with Yankee Rowe in a spirit of openness to decide the important issues involved in reopening the plant after its 1992 fuel outage."

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