

June 8, 2001

Mr. Michael A. Balduzzi
Vice President, Operations
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
185 Old Ferry Road
P.O. Box 7002
Brattleboro, VT 05302-7002

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - PROMATEC HEMYC
1-HOUR AND MT 3-HOUR FIRE BARRIER SYSTEMS (TAC NO. MB1311)

Dear Mr. Balduzzi:

By letter dated March 20, 2001, I informed you that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff was planning a meeting with plants using Hemyc and MT fire barriers. In response to these letters to the affected plants, by letter dated April 25, 2001 (Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML011220179), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), provided additional background information on the use of these fire barriers. Also, by letter dated April 17, 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML011150030), counsel for Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) provided additional information on the use of Hemyc fire barriers at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

The NRC staff is reviewing the information provided by NEI and CP&L. At this time, the staff does not intend to hold a meeting with the affected licensees.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Robert M. Pulsifer, Project Manager, Section 2
Project Directorate I
Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-271

cc: See next page

June 8, 2001

Mr. Michael A. Balduzzi
Vice President, Operations
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
185 Old Ferry Road
P.O. Box 7002
Brattleboro, VT 05302-7002

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - PROMATEC HEMYC
1-HOUR AND MT 3-HOUR FIRE BARRIER SYSTEMS (TAC NO. MB1311)

Dear Mr. Balduzzi:

By letter dated March 20, 2001, I informed you that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff was planning a meeting with plants using Hemyc and MT fire barriers. In response to these letters to the affected plants, by letter dated April 25, 2001 (Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML011220179), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), provided additional background information on the use of these fire barriers. Also, by letter dated April 17, 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML011150030), counsel for Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) provided additional information on the use of Hemyc fire barriers at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

The NRC staff is reviewing the information provided by NEI and CP&L. At this time, the staff does not intend to hold a meeting with the affected licensees.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Robert M. Pulsifer, Project Manager, Section 2
Project Directorate I
Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-271

cc: See next page

DISTRIBUTION:

PUBLIC	RPulsifer	GMeyer, RI
PDI-2 Reading	EWeiss	OGC
EAdensam(e-mail EGA1)	TClark	DFrumkin
JClifford	ACRS	RLaufer

Accession No. ML011510196

*previous concurrence

OFFICE	PDI-2/PM	PDI-2/LA	SC:SPLB*	PDI-2/SC
NAME	RPulsifer	TClark	EWeiss	JClifford
DATE	6/6/01	6/6/01	5/9/01	6/7/01

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

cc:

Regional Administrator, Region I
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Mr. David R. Lewis
Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge
2300 N Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20037-1128

Ms. Christine S. Salembier, Commissioner
Vermont Department of Public Service
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2601

Mr. Michael H. Dworkin, Chairman
Public Service Board
State of Vermont
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Town of Vernon
P.O. Box 116
Vernon, VT 05354-0116

Mr. Richard E. McCullough
Operating Experience Coordinator
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
P.O. Box 157
Governor Hunt Road
Vernon, VT 05354

G. Dana Bisbee, Esq.
Deputy Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301-6937

Chief, Safety Unit
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place, 19th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Ms. Deborah B. Katz
Box 83
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Mr. Raymond N. McCandless
Vermont Department of Health
Division of Occupational
and Radiological Health
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402

Mr. Gautam Sen
Licensing Manager
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power
Corporation
185 Old Ferry Road
P.O. Box 7002
Brattleboro, VT 05302-7002

Resident Inspector
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
P.O. Box 176
Vernon, VT 05354

Director, Massachusetts Emergency
Management Agency
ATTN: James Muckerheide
400 Worcester Rd.
Framingham, MA 01702-5399

Jonathan M. Block, Esq.
Main Street
P. O. Box 566
Putney, VT 05346-0566