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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff (the staff) and representatives of Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., held a telephone conference call on October 10, 2006, to discuss and clarify the staff's requests for additional information (RAIs) and other issues concerning the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) license renewal application (LRA). The following issues were discussed during the telephone conference call:

RAI 3.6.2.2-N-08-1

The applicant responded to the staff's Request for Additional Information (RAI) 3.6.2.2-N-08 in a letter dated July 14, 2006, "License Renewal Application, Amendment 4". In the letter the applicant stated:

"Entergy, consistent with the Peach Bottom precedent, credited the [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission] FERC dam inspection program to manage the effects of aging on civil and structural elements of the [Vernon Hydroelectric Station] VHS."

A FERC letter to the previous owner of the VHS, New England Power Company (currently owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.), dated August 6, 1997 states: "By letter dated June 26, 1997, you requested an exemption from filing an Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report under Part 12, Subpart D, of the Commission's Regulations..." and "...I am granting your request for an exemption from the Part 12, Subpart D requirement for submittal of an Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report."

As the exemption is only on the filing of an Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report under Part 12, Subpart D, describe specific Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station aging management activities, provide inspection reports, and describe any corrective actions that have been taken as a result of the inspection reports - as they pertain to the VHS in accordance with 10 CFR 54.21(a)(3) - since the exemption was granted.

Discussion: Prior to submitting its response to this RAI, the applicant wanted to inform the staff of new and significant information pertaining to the VHS. The applicant directed the staff to the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC), where some operation reports containing information to be used in the applicant's response reside. Due to FERC non-disclosure considerations associated with critical energy infrastructure information, the applicant was unable to provide the inspection reports directly. The staff was informed of the appropriate report numbers and will obtain them from FERC. The applicant will reference these reports in the RAI response.

Enclosure 2