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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION  
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

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**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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**JUNE 29, 2007**

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**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 VYNPS aging management activities, provide inspection reports, and describe any corrective actions that have been take 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:** The initial response to this RAI was sent in a letter dated October 20, 2006, then provided further clarification in a letter dated January 4, 2007. The staff re-evaluated its position on aging management of the VHS subsequent to the January 4, 2007, letter. The staff informed the applicant of its final position during this conference call. Based on the discussion with the applicant, the staff indicated that the response to this RAI requires clarification. Therefore, the applicant will clarify the information.

Memo to Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. From J. Rowley dated August 8, 2007

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