

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, L. C. 20555

November 7, 1979

Mr. Robert H. Groce Licensing Engineer Yankee Atomic Electric Company 20 Turnpike Road Westboro, Massachusetts 01581

Dear Mr. Groce:

RE: COMPLETION OF SEP TOPIC VIII-3.A

Your letter dated December 12, 1978, indicated that you have examined our draft evaluation of the subject topic transmitted by our letter dated November 24, 1978. You have indicated that the facts upon which the staff based its evaluation are correct. Since you have not identified any factual errors in our draft evaluation, our review of SEP Topic VIII-3.A is complete and this evaluation will be a basic input to the integrated safety assessment for your facility.

The subject assessment compares your facility design with the criteria currently used by the staff in licensing new facilities. This assessment may need to be re-examined if you modify your facility or if the criteria are changed before we complete our integrated assessment.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #2

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