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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

References: (1) W. G. Council letter to D. L. Ziemann dated November 13, 1978.
(2) A. Schwencer letter to D. C. Switzer dated March 11, 1977.

Gentlemen:

Haddam Neck Plant
Proposed Exemptions to 10CFR50, Appendix J

In Reference (1), Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO) proposed to comply with the interpretation of 10CFR50, Appendix J requirements, as proposed by the NRC Staff in Reference (2). In a recent phone conversation with the NRC Staff, CYAPCO clarified the wording of Reference (1).

It is the intention of CYAPCO that, as stated in Reference (2), the personnel hatch assembly shall be leak-tested at the peak accident pressure, P_A , at six-month intervals. During the intervals between the six-month tests, and in accordance with Reference (2), the airlock door seals shall be leak-tested within seventy-two (72) hours of every first of a series of openings. These tests shall be conducted whenever containment integrity is required. The above-stated tests are presently being performed.

Appropriate Technical Specification changes will be proposed reflecting the above outlined procedure. These proposed revisions will be submitted to the NRC Staff on or about August 24, 1979.

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CYAPCO trusts that this information provides the necessary written clarification of Reference (1).

Very truly yours,

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