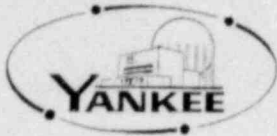


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June 30, 1980

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Dennis M. Crutchfield, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #5, Division of Licensing

Reference: (a) License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29)

Subject: Yankee Rowe Emergency Plan Revision Schedule

Dear Sir:

We are now in the final stages of internal review of the revised draft emergency plan written in conformance to the guidelines of NUREG-0654, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants". It is our intention to submit for your review, the Yankee Rowe revised draft emergency plan no later than July 25, 1980. We have informed Mr. T. McKenna of your staff of our revised schedule by telephone.

We would appreciate some clarification as to the NRC's schedule for emergency plan concurrence. It is our understanding that should the proposed emergency planning rule be approved by the Commissioners, it would be effective 75 days after the approval date. Within another 60 days the licensee would be required to submit and implement an acceptable plan. Our confusion stems from the current request for submission of an emergency plan by June 30 and its relationship to the overall process of obtaining NRC approval of the licensee's plan.

There is some doubt in our minds that the staff has sufficient resources to make a timely review of all emergency plan submittals in order to provide the licensees with the information they need to be able to determine whether or not they have an NRC approved plan by January 1, 1981. We would appreciate documentation of NRC's proposed review schedule leading to "concurrence" of emergency plans. A clear understanding of the NRC's position is essential if we are to avoid unnecessary confusion and possible shutdowns of operating reactors.

Very truly yours,
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