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Docket No. 50-29

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. G. Carl Andognini, Assistant
to the Vice President
20 Turnpike Road
Westboro, Massachusetts 01581

Gentlemen:

Yankee's letter dated December 31, 1974, to the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region I, has been referred to us for reply, since it involves licensing aspects relating to plant features described in the present Final Hazards Summary Report (FHSR).

Your letter indicates that Yankee has removed the three-strand barbed wire perimeter fence which was installed about 1000 feet from the Yankee-Rowe plant as described in the FHSR, and that the description of this fence has been omitted from Section 13.7 in the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), which you submitted to the Directorate of Licensing for review and approval. You requested that you should no longer be required to comply with this requirement described in the FHSR. As you know, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.59, you can make changes in the facility as described in the safety analysis report without prior Commission authorization, provided the changes do not involve an unreviewed safety question. However, such changes must be reviewed by your Nuclear Safety Audit and Review Committee and must be reported in the next semiannual operating report. The specific facility change, viz. the removal of the perimeter fence and its replacement by "No Trespassing Signs" does not violate the governing Physical Security Plan for the Yankee-Rowe plant which we have previously approved, nor does it otherwise involve an unreviewed safety question. Therefore, the action you have taken does not require Commission approval.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Robert A. Purple

Robert A. Purple, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #1
Division of Reactor Licensing

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