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

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Subject: Containment Entry

Reference: (1) License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29)
(2) Letter, W. P. Johnson to NRC, dated August 30, 1971

Dear Sir:

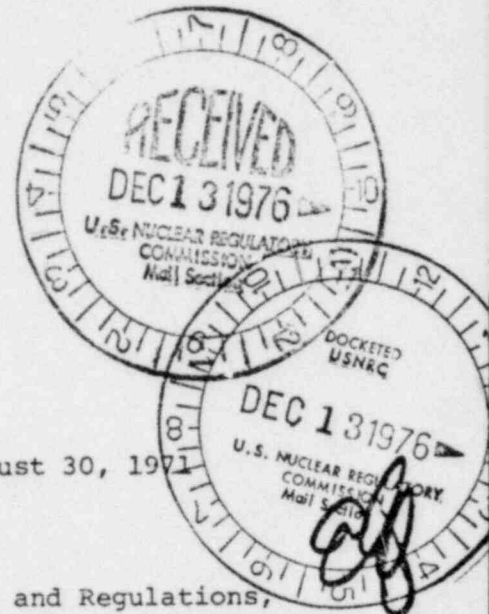
Pursuant to Section 50.59 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Yankee Atomic Electric Company hereby proposes the following modification to Appendix A of the Operating License.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Reference is made to Operating License No. DPR-3 issued to Yankee Atomic Electric Company for the Yankee Rowe plant. We propose to amend the license as follows:

Delete Specification 4.4.5.2.e from Appendix A of the current Operating License.

This would remove the requirement for a containment entry twice per week as mentioned in Reference (2).

REASON FOR CHANGE: The purpose of this change is to remove from the Technical Specifications a previous requirement which, in light of more recent commitments, has become obsolete. In 1971 Yankee committed to a program of Inservice Inspection consistent with the requirements of Section XI of the ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code of January 1, 1970. In order to augment and accelerate this program Yankee committed to, among other things, a containment entry twice per week for a visual inspection of accessible portions of the Main Coolant System. Now that the initial phases of the Inservice Inspection Program have been completed and no relevant problems have been discovered as a result of the visual inspections previously mentioned, Yankee proposes to eliminate the requirement for containment entry and inspection.



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