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Attention: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director

References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) USNRC Letter to VYNPC dated July 22, 1980;
IE Bulletin 80-17, Supplement 2

Dear Sir:

Subject: Response to IE Bulletin 80-17, Supplement 2

Reference (b) delineates certain actions to be taken by BWR licensees and subsequent reporting requirements. The following information is submitted on behalf of Vermont Yankee:

Item 1:

"Each BWR licensee with a SDV vent system that depends on any component other than the vent valve alone for proper venting must provide an alternative vent path continuously open to building atmosphere on the side of the vent valve piping away from the SDV. This alternate vent path must be positive in its function at all times (i.e., a vent must be effective regardless of component operability other than the vent valve).

Plants have made corrections by providing a vent through a standpipe open to building atmosphere. This was done at Browns Ferry Unit No. 3 and is being done at Dresden Units 2 and 3. It is noted that due consideration to radiological aspects should be included.

An alternate vent path must be provided within 48 hours following the telephone notification on July 19, 1980 in order to continue or commence operations."

Response:

Modifications have been made to the existing vent lines such that the vent is "effective regardless of component operability other than the vent valve." The internals of the inline check valves were removed to

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provide an open path to the reactor building ventilation exhaust plenum. This modification was discussed with the resident inspector prior to implementation and it was concluded that the Bulletin requirement was satisfied.

The modification described above was implemented within the prescribed 48-hour time frame.

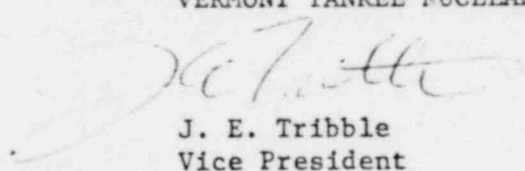
The following information is submitted in response to your request for estimates of manpower expended in the research and subsequent performance of actions associated with this Bulletin

<u>Manpower Requirements</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Bulletin Response	10
Corrective Actions	15

We trust that the above supplied information is satisfactory; however, should you desire additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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