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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Region I

Report No. 50-271/82-17

Docket No. 50-271

License No. DPR-28 Priority -- Category C

Licensee: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
1671 Worcester Road
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

Facility Name: Vermont Yankee

Enforcement Conference at: NRC Region I Office, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Conference conducted: August 24, 1982

NRC Personnel: *J. W. Raymond* 8/31/82
W. J. Raymond, Senior Resident Inspector date signed

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Approved by: *R. M. Gallo* 8/31/82
R. M. Gallo, Chief, Reactor Projects date signed
Section 1A

Enforcement Conference on August 24, 1982 (Report No. 50-271/82-17)
Summary: Special enforcement conference convened by NRC Region I management to discuss with the licensee and the State of Vermont enforcement issues related to the April 24, 1982 loss of feedwater event at the Vermont Yankee facility. The conference was of two hours duration (14 man-hours).

DETAILS

1. Attendees

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation

W. F. Conway, President and Chief Executive Officer
E. W. Jackson, Special Advisor to the President
W. P. Murphy, Vice President and Manager of Operations

State of Vermont

P. L. Paull, Vermont Department of Public Service

NRC

R. C. Haynes, Regional Administrator, Region I
J. M. Allan, Deputy Regional Administrator
R. W. Starostecki, Director, Division of Project and Resident Programs
W. J. Raymond, Senior Resident Inspector, Vermont Yankee
W. H. Baunack, Reactor Inspector
J. T. Wiggins, Reactor Inspector
D. J. Holody, Enforcement Specialist

Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance (Non-Participants)

K. Gilbert
P. Kolapakka

2. Discussion

The NRC Region I Administrator opened the conference with a discussion of the purposes of an Enforcement Conference. He requested that the representatives of Vermont Yankee provide a synopsis of their views regarding the April 24, 1982 loss of feedwater event previously described in NRC Inspection Report 50-271/82-07 and in Investigation Report 50-271/82-12. He further requested a discussion of the current status of corrective actions planned or taken by the licensee.

The representatives of the licensee discussed reports made by both an in-house task force and an outside agency commissioned by the licensee to review the event. He indicated these reports were available for review by the NRC. He discussed the status of corrective actions associated with the findings in NRC Inspection Report 50-271/82-07 and indicated actions for five of these findings have been completed. The sixth issue, related to integration of the function of the Nuclear Safety Engineer (the Shift Technical Advisor) into the operating crew, remains open. He stated, however, that short term actions which include changing the operating crew simulator training program and changing the duty post of the Nuclear Safety Engineer (NSE) to inside the control room, have been implemented.

The licensee's representative acknowledged that notifications to the state and other agencies regarding the April 24, 1982 event should have been made and discussed corrective actions to address this failure. Additionally, he discussed changes to the training provided to the shift crews, including the NSE's, to prevent recurrence of problems with notifications.

The Regional Administrator stated the NRC's position regarding prompt notifications to the states, indicating these notifications are viewed as extremely important to assure the public's health and safety is protected. Further, he inquired about the scope and extent of training given by the licensee to candidates for management positions prior to their assuming these positions. A discussion of this item ensued.

3. Results

NRC Region I management noted the licensee's current and planned corrective actions. NRC Region I indicated that appropriate enforcement action regarding violations associated with the April 24, 1982 event will be provided by separate correspondence.