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John Austin
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Dear Mr. Austin:

As you may recall, Ray Clark and I spoke with you this past February 7 regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed decommissioning of Yankee Row nuclear power plant. As I understood our conversation, you were going to retrieve pertinent information for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ); I apologize for any confusion, and am requesting supporting information and documentation regarding NRC's NEPA compliance for the Yankee Row's proposed decommissioning.

Between CEQ's discussions with you as well as Mort Fairtile, Yankee Row's Project Manager, my understanding is that on February 26, 1992, Yankee Row was closed. In early 1993, the licensee, Yankee Atomic, prepared a component removal plan pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 50.59 (under NRC's NEPA regulations at 10 C.F.R. Part 51, no EA or EIS is required for this action). In December, 1993, Yankee Atomic submitted a decommissioning plan along with an environmental review which was not prepared pursuant to NEPA and the CEQ implementing regulations.

In 1988, NRC prepared a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for proposed decommissionings. My understanding is that NRC planned an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (EIS) to tier off of the GEIS for the proposed decommissioning of Yankee Row. I would like a copy of this document, as well as Yankee Atomic's environmental review which was submitted with its decommissioning plan. I am also requesting any additional documentation which will assist in understanding when the NEPA process began in the proposed decommissioning, and where it now stands.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions regarding my request, please contact me at (202) 395-5754.

Sincerely,

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