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Docket No. 50-29

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. L. Heider
Vice President of Operations
1671 Worcester Road
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and Your
Letter FYR 82-99, October 8, 1982

This refers to the SALP for Yankee Nuclear Power Station conducted by this office on August 30, 1982, and discussed with you and your staff at a meeting on September 8, 1982. The list of attendees is provided as Enclosure 1. The NRC Region I SALP Report is provided as Enclosure 2 and covers the period July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982. Your letter, dated October 8, 1982, submitted pursuant to our letter of September 3, 1982, provided comments on the SALP Report. These letters are included as Enclosures 3 and 4.

Our overall assessment of your performance of NRC licensed activities at the Yankee Nuclear Power Station is that there is an effective and aggressive orientation toward assuring safe operation of the facility. A high level of management attention and involvement in the decision making process is evident for matters affecting plant safety. Based on your performance we find that it is appropriate to continue reduced NRC attention to your activities.

We reviewed your letter of October 8, 1982, and find that the action you are taking to enhance the reliability of the primary vent stack monitors adequately address our concerns noted in the Radiological Controls - Effluent Control and Monitoring section of Enclosure 2. We understand that the modifications to the primary vent stack monitors are to be completed by March 1, 1983. Regarding our comment in the Plant Operations section of Enclosure 2 concerning decreased corporate representative presence onsite compared to that of the previous assessment period, we acknowledge the other measures that you have instituted in addition to the periodic site visits by a corporate representative to foster effective communications between the site and the engineering offices. Based on the discussions during the September 8, 1982 meeting, we have supplemented the SALP report to clarify the situation. In addition, we have made minor editorial and typographical corrections to the report that did not affect our assessment or conclusions.

We consider that our meeting and subsequent interchange of information were beneficial and improved mutual understanding of your activities and our regulatory program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. No reply to this letter is required. Your actions in response to the NRC Systematic Assessment of

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Licensee Performance will be reviewed during future inspections of your licensed activities.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Ronald C. Haynes
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

- 1. SALP Management Meeting - Attendees
- 2. NRC Region I Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance, Yankee Nuclear Power Station, August 30, 1982
- 3. NRC letter, R. W. Starostecki to J. E. Tribble, September 3, 1982
- 4. Yankee Atomic Electric Company's response letter, J. Kay to R. W. Starostecki, Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance, October 8, 1982

cc w/encl:

- H. Autio, Plant Superintendent
- J. E. Tribble, President
- D. Pike, Manager, Operational QA Department
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Enclosure 1

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

SALP Management Meeting Attendees

Licensee: Yankee Atomic Electric Company
1671 Worcester Road
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

Facility Name: Yankee Nuclear Power Station

Meeting at: Rowe, Massachusetts

Meeting conducted: September 8, 1982

1. Licensee Attendees

H. Autio, Plant Superintendent
B. Drawbridge, Technical Director
L. French, Plant Engineer
L. Heider, Vice President of Operations
J. Kay, Senior Licensing Engineer
W. McGee, Manager, Nuclear Information
D. Pike, Manager, Operational Quality Assurance
L. Reed, Operational Quality Assurance Coordinator
N. St. Laurent, Assistant Plant Superintendent

2. NRC Attendees

R. Caruso, NRR Licensing
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R. Starostecki, Director, Division of Project and Resident Programs