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Re: Generic Letter 90-03

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Attention: Document Control Desk
 Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Haddam Neck Plant
 Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3
 Response to Generic Letter 90-03
Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components

In a March 20, 1990⁽¹⁾ letter to all licensees, the NRC Staff issued Generic Letter 90-03, "Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 Part 2, 'Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components,'" requiring a response by September 25, 1990. The purpose of this letter is to provide the required response for Millstone Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 and the Haddam Neck Plant, in accordance with 10CFR50.54(f).

Section (a) of the Generic Letter allows the use of the VETIP program described in the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) Report, INPO 84-010, issued in March 1984. Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO) and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) hereby reiterate their commitment in their September 25, 1987⁽²⁾ submittal wherein it was stated,

CYAPCO and NNECO hereby reaffirm their commitment to implement the NUTAC/VETIP program as described in the March, 1984 NUTAC report, including the enhancements noted in Section 3.2 of the report to the extent that CYAPCO and NNECO can control or influence such

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- (1) J. G. Partlow letter to All Power Reactor Licensees and Applicants, "Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 Part 2, 'Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components' (Generic Letter 90-03)," dated March 20, 1990.
- (2) E. J. Mroczka letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2," dated September 25, 1987.

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enhancements. CYAPCO's and NNECO's implementation of the NUTAC/VETIP also includes the objective of "Internal Handling of Vendor Services" as described on page 23 of the March 1984 NUTAC report.

Item (b) of the Generic Letter requires "a program of periodic contact with the vendors of other key safety-related components not included in (a) above." CYAPCO and NNECO have in place vendor interface programs which differ slightly from those described in the Generic Letter. Interface with the NSSS vendors is extensive. Each NSSS vendor frequently furnishes information to the sites. Receipt, dissemination, and evaluation of this information is well documented and subject to internal audit, as are resulting changes to procedures and equipment.

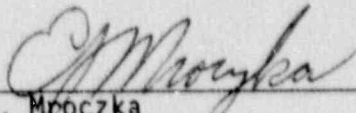
Vendors of other key safety-related equipment do not normally supply information as frequently as NSSS vendors. However, this information, when received, is properly routed for evaluation and corrective action, and documented similarly to NSSS vendor information. While we do not "periodically" contact these vendors, we do contact them "as required" to provide information on product characteristics or performance and to enlist their aid in resolving design or operational questions. Vendor response to these requests is generally good. In addition, other sources of information regarding potential equipment problems or deficiencies are carefully evaluated for applicability and appropriate actions taken. These other sources include, but are not limited to, NRC Information Notices and Bulletins, Nuclear Network, and participation in industry group activities.

It is CYAPCO and NNECO's position that the above programs, in conjunction with a well-planned and implemented program of preventive and predictive maintenance and appropriate surveillance, provide a high degree of assurance of equipment reliability, and public health and safety, and justify any deviations from the Staff's suggested programs.

CYAPCO and NNECO believe that the foregoing information is responsive to the provisions of the generic letter. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

CONNECTICUT YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY
NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY



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Then personally appeared before me, E. J. Mroczka, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Senior Vice President of Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, Licensees herein, that he is authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name and on behalf of the Licensees herein, and that the statements contained in said information are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993