

# New Hampshire Yankee

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Attention: Mr. Thomas T. Martin

References: (a) Facility Operating License No. NPF-86, Docket No. 50-443  
(b) USNRC Letter dated December 20, 1990, "Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report for the period from July 1, 1989 to October 31, 1990 (50-443/89-99)", T. T. Martin to T. C. Feigenbaum

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report  
No. 50-443/89-99

Dear Mr. Martin:

New Hampshire Yankee (NHY) has reviewed the SALP Report [Reference (b)] and the comments made by NRC Region I personnel during the January 9, 1991 SALP meeting. New Hampshire Yankee generally agrees with your conclusions. The following comments are provided to address areas where NHY will devote additional attention in the future. These areas for additional attention were discussed during the January 9, 1991 SALP meeting.

With the completion of the Power Ascension Test Program (PATP) we have completed some initiatives and are pursuing other initiatives, to provide enhanced support for the operation of the Station. We performed a self assessment of our Maintenance Program during the PATP and the results are being utilized to improve the total program. The Maintenance Group was reorganized to better facilitate the control of work. We are consolidating and streamlining the Maintenance Program while incorporating self assessment recommendations to provide program enhancements to support Station operation and the first refueling outage. Additionally, we are reviewing the Radiation Protection Program to provide enhanced procedural controls and to better integrate ALARA considerations. The ALARA man-rem goals for 1991 have been established to address a typical first cycle of operation with a refueling and subsequent startup. We believe these goals are typical of the industry and will provide a challenge to our personnel.

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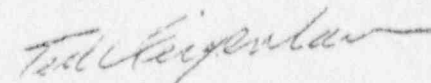
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The issue of a long-term plan for interim storage of low level radioactive waste is being addressed. A special task force evaluated the available on-site storage options and will be formally presenting their recommendations to management in the near future. In addition, New Hampshire Yankee has taken steps to minimize generation of low level radioactive waste during plant operations and will continue to refine this program in 1991. Also, we will continue to work cooperatively with the State of New Hampshire and support their effort to obtain long term access to permanent disposal facilities for low level waste from Seabrook Station.

Although we are pleased with the accomplishments of a successful Power Ascension Test Program, and plant Operations to date, we recognize the challenges ahead in performing our first refueling outage and the challenges of normal plant operations. Our goal is to achieve the same levels of success in these new challenges as we achieved in the past. We recognize that this will require continued management involvement and continued effort by everyone. We are confident that the New Hampshire Yankee organization is up to the challenge.

Should you desire additional information regarding NHY's actions in response to the SALP report, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Regulatory Compliance Manager, at (603) 474-9521, extension 3772.

Very truly yours,



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