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SUBJECT: STATUS OF REVIEW OF NUREG-0737, ITEM II.E.4.2.6 AND REQUEST

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have reviewed your submittals dated December 10, 1979, May 16, 1980, May 1, 1981 and August 10, 1982 relating to TMI Action Plan, II.E.4.2.6, "Operable Valves, or if Closed Must be Sealed Closed".

The containment vent or purge valves which are "operable" to meet our 1979 Interim Position for valves greater than 3-inch nominal diameter, include Maine Yankee's 42-inch butterfly type containment purge valves which are restricted to 50° open (90° being fully open).

However, the information submitted to date has not demonstrated the capability of Maine Yankee's 8-inch globe containment vent valves to close against the maximum pressure from a postulated DBA-LOCA and seismic loads.

Therefore, you are requested to submit either test data or an analysis which demonstrates that the 8-inch valve is operable under combined DBA-LOCA and seismic loads. This analysis should cover both the 8-inch valve and its operator.

Please respond within 60 days from the receipt of this letter. If data or analysis is not available, provide your schedule for submitting such information for our review.

OMB clearance is not required for this request because it is directed to fewer than ten respondents.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Robert A. Clark Robert A. Clark, Chief

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