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CONTROL OF HEAVY LOADS - PHASE I

SAFETY EVALUATION

I. Introduction

As a result of Generic Task A-36, "Control of Heavy Loads Near Spent Fuel," NUREG-D612, "Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Power Plants," was developed. Following the issuance of NUREG-D612, a generic letter dated December 22, 1980, was sent to all operating plants, applicants for operating licenses and holders of construction permits requesting that responses be prepared to indicate the degree of compliance with the guidelines of NUREG-D612. The responses were made in two stages. The first response (Phase I) was to identify the load handling equipment within the scope of NUREG-D612 and to describe the associated load paths, procedures, operator training, special and general purpose lifting devices, the maintenance, testing and repair of equipment and the handling equipment specifications. The second response (Phase II) was intended to show that either single-failure-proof handling equipment was not needed or that single-failure-proof equipment had been provided. This safety evaluation report contains the staff's evaluation of Phase I. An evaluation of Phase II will be the subject of future correspondence.

By letter ~~dated~~ December 22, 1980, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (VYNPC) the licensee for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station was requested to review their provisions for handling and control of heavy loads at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station to determine the extent to which the guidelines of NUREG-0612 are presently satisfied and to discuss and commit to mutually agreeable changes and modifications that would be required in order to fully satisfy these guidelines.

II. NRC Review and Evaluation

The staff and its consultant, the Franklin Research Center (FRC), have reviewed Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation submittals for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. As a result of its review, FRC has issued a Technical Evaluation Report (TER) dated June 15, 1984. This TER is a part of our Phase I SER for NUREG-0612. The staff has reviewed the TER and concurs with its findings that the guidelines in NUREG-0612, Sections 5.1.1 and 5.3 have been satisfied. We therefore conclude that Phase I for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station is acceptable.

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