

Docket No. 50-271

March 3, 1992

Mr. L. A. Tremblay
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Dear Mr. Tremblay:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING AMENDMENT TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-28 - VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR
POWER STATION

By letter dated December 23, 1991, you requested a change to the Technical Specification (TS) surveillance and calibration requirements in Table 4.2.2 to reflect the replacement of existing (mechanically-actuated) differential pressure switches with analog loop instrumentation for Primary Containment Isolation System (PCIS).

The surveillance and calibration requirements would be modified to agree with those which previously had been approved for similar analog instrumentation in use at Vermont Yankee.

The Analog Transmitter Trip System (ATTS) replaces the mechanically-actuated sensor. The ATTS system includes an electronic sensor which measures the parameter and converts it to an analog signal that inputs to a Master Trip and Alarm Unit (MTU). At a given setpoint, the MTU either energizes or deenergizes a relay (TR). The TR relay contacts replace the old mechanically-actuated sensor contacts in the logic circuits; however, the TR relay has been the subject of misapplication, inadequate design, and limited service life as identified in 10 CFR 50.73 and 10 CFR 21 reports, information notices, and meetings. Therefore, we request additional information to complete our review of the proposed TS change. This requested information is enclosed.

The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P. L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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1. Letter from J. P. Pelletier, VP, VY to NRC, BVI 91-120, to NRC "Proposed Change No. 165 to Reflect Analog System Replacement," December 23, 1991.
2. Letter from W.P. Johnson, VP, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (VY) to NRC, WVI 80-49, "Recirculation Pump Trip/Analog Trip System," March 17, 1980.
3. Letter from L.H. Heidar, VP VY, to NRC, FVI 83-1, VY "Analog Trip System and Scram Discharge System Modifications," January 10, 1983.
4. Letter from W.P. Murphy, VP, VY to NRC, FVI 86-80, "Changes to Technical Specification to Reflect Analog Equipment Replacement and Administrative Changes" for Emergency Core Cooling System [ECCS], August 26, 1986.

TR relay has been the subject of misapplication, inadequate design, and limited service life as identified in 10 CFR 50.73 and 10 CFR 21 reports, information notices, and meetings. Therefore, we request additional information to complete our review of the proposed TS change.

1. Identify the systems and numbers of TR relays that are normally energized.
2. Identify the TR relay vendor, style and model number.
3. Identify the years of service life for the normally energized TR relays.
4. If the service life is known, have the previously installed normally energized TR relays been replaced in a timely manner? Does the licensee have a program for routine relay replacement?
5. Describe the method of seismic restraint of the TR relay to its base. Is the restraint used, a wire or a strap?
6. Are there any TR relays used in circuits where 24 milli-ampere or less is continually conducted through its contacts?

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