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Enclosure 1

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 27, 1991, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation requested changes to the Administrative Controls Section of the Technical Specifications for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. These changes are to delete the position titles for members of the Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC) and replace the titles with levels of positions. Following is a brief description and our evaluation of the requested changes.

2.0 EVALUATION

a. Section 6.2.A.1 - Membership - The licensee has deleted the position titles of the members of the PORC and replaced them with the following statements; 1) The Plant Manager shall be Chairman, 2) The Plant Manager shall appoint one or more of the members as Vice Chairman, and 3) The Plant Manager shall appoint members consisting of Superintendents, Directors, and Supervisors from the following departments: Operations, Maintenance, Engineering and Construction, Reactor and Computer Engineering, Chemistry, Instrumentation and Controls, and Radiation Protection. This description of the membership does not limit the number of members nor does it specify qualification requirements for the members of the PORC.

We find this change, proposed change 1, unacceptable since this type of description neither requires a fixed number nor sets the minimum and maximum number of members for the PORC. This, in turn, affects the quorum requirements for convening the PORC.

b. Section 6.2.A.2 - Qualifications - The licensee has not revised this section on qualifications to specify qualification requirements for members of the PORC. This was not necessary in the current specification since specific titles were used and one could relate these titles to the general qualification statement in Section 6.1 that key supervisory personnel would meet the qualifications describes in ANSI N18.1-1971. However, since specific titles of members have been removed, the staff position is that the qualification requirements for members should be more specific, such as a statement as to the education and experience requirements or reference to specific sections of the Standard such as Sections 4.2 and 4.4.; or a statement that the members are Managers or Department heads reporting to the Plant Manager.

We find the current qualification requirement which would be unchanged to be unacceptable in light of the proposed deletion of the specific titles of PORC members.

c. Section 6.2.A.4 - Quorum - The current quorum requirement is a Chairman or Vice-Chairman plus four members, which represents a majority of the current members. The licensee's proposal neither requires a fixed number nor sets the minimum and maximum number of members for the PORC. Therefore, the current quorum requirement becomes not applicable. The staff position is that there should be a defined number of PORC members and the quorum requirement should be stated as a majority number of those members.

We find the current quorum requirement which would be unchanged to be unacceptable without having the number of PORC members defined in the Technical Specifications.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the above evaluation we find Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation's requested changes to the Administrative Controls Section of the Technical Specifications for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station to be unacceptable.

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