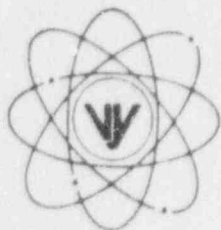


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References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)  
(b) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, BVY 96-151, dated November 27, 1996  
(c) Telecon, VYNPC to USNRC, dated 12/20/96

Subject: Revised Schedule for Installing Improved Fire Protection System

In References (b) and (c) Vermont Yankee reported details of the Switchgear Room CO<sub>2</sub> System modifications being performed at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station and informed NRC that these modifications would be completed by December 31, 1996. At the present time, the new low pressure CO<sub>2</sub> system has been installed but has not been charged with CO<sub>2</sub>, pending completion of procedure revisions and operator training. The original high pressure CO<sub>2</sub> system remains functional in a manual mode and Technical Specification compensatory measures remain in place.

Following satisfactory completion of testing, issuance of procedure revisions and training of personnel, the new low pressure system will be declared functional. These activities are now expected to be complete by 2/7/97.

Sincerely,

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