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## EWE ROD DROP ACCIDENTS

Ref: Memo of 8/1/72 "Vermont Yankee Affidavit on Rod Drop  
Accident"

After some discussion with W. Minners on Vermont Yankee problems, we agreed to go ahead with the temporary basis recommended in the enclosed note from Roger Boyd.

I do not think we can continue to accept a solution of this kind for BWR's still to come down the review line. I propose that starting with Browns Ferry Unit 1 there be a better solution for the rod drop accident than just having another man in the control room during startup. For Browns Ferry either suitable upgrading of the Rod Worth Minimizer or acceptance of faster scram times is indicated.

We also have to deal with the BWR's now operating, up through Vermont Yankee, with regard to a better solution for the long run than the supplementary operator during startup. Again, either a much upgraded Rod Worth Minimizer system or the acceptance of shorter scram times are possible solutions.

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