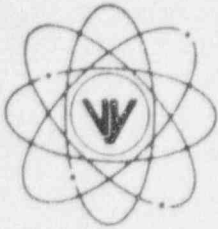


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References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, BVY 95-77, dated July 13, 1995

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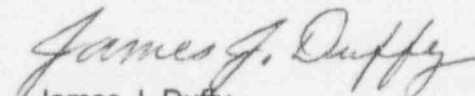
In Reference (b) Vermont Yankee requested NRC's concurrence with changes to statements in the safety evaluation accompanying Amendment 43 of Reference (a). The changes were: redesignation of the Control Room, Cable Vault and Battery Room as a single fire area and deletion of the requirement to maintain the electrical penetration seal between the Control Room and Cable Vault as a rated fire barrier.

Since submitting Reference (b), Vermont Yankee has made significant improvements to its Appendix R program, including a complete review of its Safe Shutdown Capability Analysis (SSCA). The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC that our revised SSCA fully supports the changes requested in Reference (b).

We trust the information provided is acceptable; however, should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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