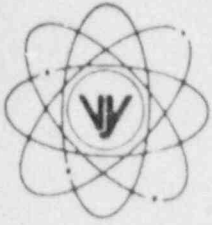


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References: a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
b) Letter, USNRC to All Holders of Operating
Licenses or Construction Permits for Nuclear
Power Reactors, NVY 88-035, NRC Bulletin No.
88-03, dated 3/10/88

Dear Sir:

Subject: Vermont Yankee Response to NRC Bulletin No. 88-03:
Inadequate Latch Engagement in HFA-Type Latching
Relays Manufactured by General Electric (GE) Company

The subject bulletin [Reference b)], requested that licensees perform inspections to ensure that all GE latching-type HFA relays installed in Class 1E (safety-related) applications have adequate latch engagement and that those relays which fail to meet acceptance criteria be repaired or replaced. Further, the bulletin requested that any addressee not having HFA-type latching relays subject to this bulletin provide a letter stating this fact within 120 days of receipt of the bulletin. Accordingly, Vermont Yankee's response is provided herein, pursuant to the provisions of Section 182a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, including the provisions of 10CFR50.54(f).

Upon receipt of NRC Bulletin No. 88-03, Vermont Yankee initiated a review to determine whether GE latching-type HFA relays subject to this bulletin have been installed in Class 1E (safety-related) applications at the plant. This review concluded that no relays subject to this bulletin are used in any application at the Vermont Yankee station. Further, Vermont Yankee is not considering any future use of these relays.

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