

APPENDIX A

Notice of Violation

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
Yankee Rowe Atomic Power Station

Docket No. 50-29
License No. DPR-3

During an NRC inspection conducted on November 15, 1988 - January 17, 1989, certain violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions", 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy 1986), the violations are listed below:

- A. 10 CFR 20.203 (c)(i), requires, in part, that each high radiation area shall be conspicuously posted with a sign or signs bearing the radiation caution symbol and the words "Caution" or "Danger, High Radiation Area".

Contrary to the above, on January 7, 1989, a high radiation area in the shield tank cavity in the vapor container was not conspicuously posted with a sign or signs bearing the radiation caution symbol and the words "Caution" or "Danger, High Radiation Area" as required.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement IV).

- B. 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI requires, in part, that measures shall be established to assure that the identification, the cause, and corrective action taken to preclude repetition of significant conditions adverse to quality are documented and reported to appropriate levels of management.

Yankee Atomic Electric Company Operational Quality Assurance Manual Section XVI requires that the Nuclear Services Division Quality Assurance Department shall be responsible for review of recommendations to prevent recurrence of significant conditions adverse to quality and that the Nuclear Services Division Engineering and/or Project Departments shall be responsible for review of conditions adverse to quality which involve design deficiencies to determine the cause of the condition, and provide recommendations of corrective action to preclude repetition of design deficiencies.

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However, contrary to 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, the licensee failed to establish effective measures, in the form of clear procedures, to translate corrective action requirements for the proper documentation and reporting to appropriate levels of management of significant conditions adverse to quality involving design deficiencies, in that, existing administrative controls did not provide (1) that the Quality Assurance Department be responsible for review of recommendations to prevent recurrence, and (2) that Engineering and/or Project Departments be responsible for review and determination of cause, and provide recommendations for corrective action to preclude repetition.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

Because licensee corrective action for violation A achieved full compliance and because corrective measures to prevent recurrence were both timely and extensive, no response to the violation is required. However, for violation B, and pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Yankee Atomic Electric Company is hereby required to submit to this office within 25 days of the date of receipt of the letter transmitting this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the reasons for the violation; (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (3) corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.