

November 12, 1999

Mr. Robert J. Wanczyk
Acting Director of Operations
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
185 Old Ferry Road
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SUBJECT: POSITION REGARDING THE GENERAL DESIGN CRITERIA - VERMONT
YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. MA6781)

Dear Mr. Wanczyk:

By letter dated September 28, 1999, you submitted your position regarding the applicability of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants" at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee) and requested our acceptance of your position. You stated that your position involves changes to Appendix F of the Vermont Yankee Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR).

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Section 50.59 allows you to may make changes to Vermont Yankee as described in the FSAR without prior Commission approval, unless the proposed change involves a change in the technical specifications (TS) or an unreviewed safety question. Your letter did not indicate that your position involved a TS change or an unreviewed safety question, therefore, Commission approval is not necessary. We do not intend to review your position at this time and TAC No. MA6781 is closed. This does not, however, indicate our agreement or disagreement with your position.

If you determine that your position involves a TS change or an unreviewed safety question, 10 CFR 50.59 states that you shall submit an application for amendment of the license pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Richard P. Croteau, Project Manger, Section 2
Project Directorate I
Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-271

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Croteau".

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