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- References:
- (a) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, "Proposed Change No. 162, Toxic Gas Monitoring System," BVY 91-02, dated January 15, 1991.
 - (b) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, "Issuance of Amendment No. 132 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 – Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (TAC No. 79442)," NVCY 91-205, dated October 24, 1991.

**Subject: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
Report of Bulk Chlorine Rail Shipments for 2000**

In Reference (a), Vermont Yankee (VY) submitted a proposed change to the Technical Specifications requesting approval to remove the Toxic Gas Monitoring System. In Reference (b), the NRC granted approval and issued Amendment No. 132. As a condition for granting the amendment, the NRC required that every three years, starting in 1994, VY submit a report providing the annual frequency of railroad shipments of bulk chlorine within five miles of the plant site. The NRC required the evaluation to verify that the probability of loss of control room habitability continues to meet the acceptance criteria of Section 2.2.3 of the NRC Standard Review Plan (NUREG-0800, July 1981). The NRC also required that the report consider any changes in quantity of chlorine in each shipment, and that the report reference the number and date of the license amendment. This letter constitutes the required report and summarizes our evaluation.

VY conducted an evaluation of rail shipments of bulk chlorine. The evaluation included the following:

1. A determination of the annual frequency of rail shipments of bulk chlorine within five miles of the plant site, and
2. Consideration of any changes in the quantity of chlorine in each shipment.

Annual Frequency of Rail Shipments

The two railroads that operate along the tracks adjacent to the plant, Guilford Rail System and New England Central Railroad, both provided information on chlorine shipped during the most recent year. During a one-year period spanning 1999-2000, the total number of rail cars shipped by both companies was no greater than 32 as compared to a total of 60 rail cars assumed in the analysis supporting Reference (a).

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Changes in Quantity of Chlorine

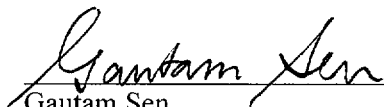
Chlorine shipments in 1999-2000 were in individual tank cars carrying 180,000 pounds or less. This weight is equivalent to approximately 15,350 gallons. The analysis supporting Reference (a) used a tank car capacity of 20,000 gallons, or 234,560 pounds, which bounds current shipments.

In addition, each rail company stated that there are no industrial or economic changes anticipated in the near future that would lead to either an increase in the frequency of cars shipped or capacity of the cars.

We trust that this information is adequate to demonstrate that the basis for the elimination of the Toxic Gas Monitoring System remains valid; however, should you need additional information please contact Jim DeVincentis at (802) 258-4236.

Sincerely,

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION



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SUMMARY OF VERMONT YANKEE COMMITMENTS

BVY NO.: 00-111

The following table identifies commitments made in this document by Vermont Yankee. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by Vermont Yankee. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Licensing Manager of any questions regarding this document or any associated commitments.

COMMITMENT	COMMITTED DATE OR "OUTAGE"
None	N/A

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