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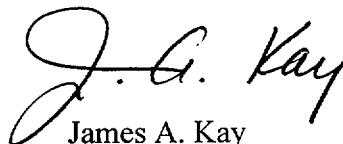
The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59 was established in a December 13, 2000, Federal Register notice (65 FR 77773), as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee might want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC. It is the intention of Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 at the Yankee Nuclear Power Station (YNPS) on April 5, 2001 (the effective date for the revised 10 CFR 72.48 requirements). YAEC will follow the new rule requirements for evaluations begun after April 5, 2001, but will finish evaluations begun prior to April 5, 2001 in accordance with the current requirements.

YAEC believes that delaying implementation of the revised 10 CFR 50.59 requirements until the effective date of the revised 10 CFR 72.48 requirements will result in a more orderly and coordinated programmatic transition and will minimize the potential for confusion.

We trust this information is satisfactory; however, if you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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