

New Hampshire Yankee

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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
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Attention: Mr. Thomas T. Martin, Regional Administrator

- References:
- (a) Facility Operating License No. NPF-86, Docket No. 50-443
 - (b) April 30, 1991 telephone conference call between Mr. C. W. Hehl and Mr. T. C. Feigenbaum.
 - (c) USNRC, Region I letter dated March 19, 1991, "Completeness of Radiographic Records", T. T. Martin to T. C. Feigenbaum.
 - (d) NHY Letter NYN-91050 dated March 25, 1991, "Response to Radiograph Review Request", T. C. Feigenbaum to T. T. Martin.
 - (e) NHY letter NYN-91070 dated April 26, 1991, "Comments to the Transcript", T. C. Feigenbaum to G. E. Edison.
 - (f) May 8, 1991 telephone conference between Mr. C. W. Hehl and Mr. T. L. Harpster.

Subject: Transmittal of the Program Description for the Reverification of Pullman-Higgins Field Weld Records

Gentlemen:

In the letter of March 19, 1991 [Reference (c)] the NRC requested that New Hampshire Yankee "...conclusively show whether the code required radiographs and RIRs (Radiographic Inspection Reports) were fully processed and retained for Pullman-Higgins field welds...". Specifically, the NRC requested New Hampshire Yankee to accomplish the following:

1. Re-review the Seabrook as-built isometric drawings and identify all Pullman-Higgins field welds for which radiography was a requirement established by code (e.g., ASME, B31.1).
2. Determine whether New Hampshire Yankee has the required radiographs and RIRs for all welds identified by the above review, and whether these records attest to independent Yankee Atomic Electric Company determination of acceptability. If they do not, please explain why not.

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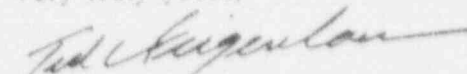
3. During the above review and determination, if any additional incomplete records are noted, assess the individual and generic causes and safety implications, and take appropriate compensatory and/or corrective actions.
4. Report the results of this effort to the NRC within about one week of its completion, retaining auditable records of the effort on site for reference.

In our March 25, 1991 response [Reference (d)] to this request New Hampshire Yankee agreed to perform this records re-verification effort. Subsequent to this letter New Hampshire Yankee formally briefed the NRC at a transcribed meeting on April 10, 1991 in your Rockville, Maryland offices. Pursuant to this request and in accordance with the extension granted by Reference (f), New Hampshire Yankee has prepared a Program Description for the Pullman-Higgins Field Weld Records Re-Verification. New Hampshire Yankee is currently proceeding to reverify the welds records as requested in your March 19, 1991 letter.

This letter confirms New Hampshire Yankee's intention to complete this Pullman-Higgins field weld record reverification effort as detailed in the attached Program Description.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Neal A. Pillsbury, Director of Quality Programs at (603) 474-9521, extension 3341.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure(s)

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ENCLOSURE 1
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
FOR THE REVERIFICATION OF PULLMAN-HIGGINS FIELD WELD RECORDS