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- References:
- (a) Facility Operating License No. NPF-86, Docket No. 50-443
 - (b) NHY Letter NYN-92034 dated March 23, 1992, "License Amendment Request 91-07, and Exemption Request; Decoupling the Third Integrated Leak Rate Test From the 10-Year Inservice Inspection," T. C. Feigenbaum to USNRC
 - (c) Teleconference between J. M. Peschel of NHY and G. E. Edison and J. C. Pulsipher of the NRC, on April 21, 1992, "Withdrawal of License Amendment Request 91-07"

Subject: Withdrawal of License Amendment Request 91-07, and Exemption Request; Decoupling the Third Integrated Leak Rate Test From the 10-Year Inservice Inspection

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated March 23, 1992 [Reference (b)], New Hampshire Yankee (NHY) submitted License Amendment Request 91-07, and a request for an exemption from specific provisions of 10 CFR 50, to propose changes to the Seabrook Station Technical Specifications. Specifically, License Amendment Request 91-07, and the associated exemption request, proposed to change Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.2.a to maintain the 40 ± 10 month testing interval for Type A Containment Integrated Leak Rate Tests, but eliminate the requirement to perform three Type A tests in each 10-year service period. The requested amendment also proposed to decouple every third Type A Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test in a 10-year service period from the 10-year plant inservice inspection shutdown.

NHY submitted the aforementioned license amendment and exemption requests to eliminate the apparent conflict between the Technical Specification requirements, which do not differentiate between "preoperational" and "periodic" Type A tests, and the current Type A testing schedule. NHY has previously conducted two Type A Containment Integrated Leak Rate Tests; the first in March 1986, and the second in November 1989. These tests were performed in anticipation of the zero power and full power operating licenses, respectively. Due to the delay in receiving the full power operating license, and in order to maintain the 40 ± 10 month testing interval, the third Type A test is scheduled to be conducted during the 1992 refueling outage. Since this test will not coincide with the 10-year plant inservice inspection shutdown, it appeared to be in conflict with the Technical Specification testing requirements described above.

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