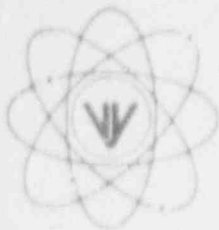


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- References:
- a) License No. DPR-28 (Doc'let No. 50-271)
  - b) Letter, USNRC to [All Licensees], NPY 88-09, dated February 1, 1988 (Generic Letter 88-01)
  - c) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, FVY 88-62, dated July 27, 1988 (Response to Generic Letter 88-01)
  - d) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, NPY 89-114, dated May 24, 1989 (NRC Request for Additional Information regarding Generic Letter 88-01)
  - e) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, BVY 89-70, dated July 25, 1989 (VY Response to NRC Request for Additional Information)
  - f) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, NPY 90-026, dated February 14, 1990 (NRC SER/TER regarding Review of VY GL 88-01 Response)
  - g) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, BVY 90-26, dated March 8, 1990 (VY Position Concerning GL 88-01 Leakage Detection)
  - h) Letter, USNRC to [All Licensees], NPY 92-21, dated February 4, 1992 (Supplement 1 to Generic Letter 88-01)
  - i) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, NPY 92-89, dated May 22, 1992 (USNRC response to VY Position Concerning GL 88-01 Leakage Detection)
  - j) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, BVY 92-107, dated September 21, 1992 (VY Position Concerning Leakage Detection-Backfit Considerations)

**Subject: Generic Letter 88-01, Position Concerning Leakage Detection**

Dear Sir:

In Reference (j), Vermont Yankee requested the NRC to reconsider the Staff's position as detailed in Reference (i) regarding incorporation of existing leakage detection commitments from plant procedures into the plant Technical Specifications relative to Generic Letter 88-01 as the subject of a formal backfit analysis under 10CFR50.109.

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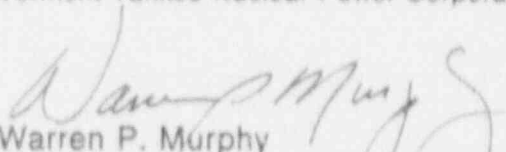
As a result of a meeting at NRC headquarters on October 8, 1992 and subsequent telephone discussions between Mr. Jose Calvo, of your staff, and Mr. James Pelletier, of Vermont Yankee, Vermont Yankee agrees to withdraw its request for a formal backfit analysis under 10CFR50.109.

NRC has agreed to provide Vermont Yankee the following: (1) NRC's technical basis for the Staff's position that the leakage detection commitments of Generic Letter 88-01 must reside in plant Technical Specifications, and (2) NRC's assessment of Vermont Yankee's alternate proposal and technical basis as provided in Reference (g). Upon Receipt of this additional information, Vermont Yankee will then reconsider our position regarding our leakage detection commitments relative to Generic Letter 88-01.

We hope that our proposed resolution of this matter is judged acceptable by your Staff and achieves our joint objectives. Should you require additional information or should you need to discuss any aspect of this issue further, we will provide such at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation

  
Warren P. Murphy  
Senior Vice President, Operations

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