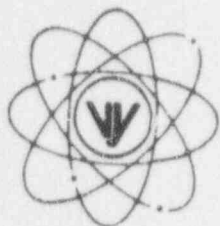


VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION



Ferry Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301-7002

(802) 257-5271

November 15, 1996
BVY 96-143

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) USNRC Generic Letter 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," NVC 96-148, dated September 18, 1996

Subject: Vermont Yankee 60-day Response to Generic Letter 96-05

In Reference (b), the NRC requested licensees to establish a program, or ensure the effectiveness of the current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related MOVs continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of their facilities. The NRC noted that the program should ensure that changes in required performance resulting from degradation (such as those caused by age) can be properly identified and accounted for. Licensees that have developed periodic verification programs in response to GL 89-10 should review those programs to determine whether any changes are appropriate in light of the information in Reference (b).

The NRC requested that licensees submit a report within 60 days of the date of this Generic Letter indicating whether or not they will implement the requested actions and the schedule for completing implementation. The purpose of this letter is to provide the information requested.

By December 31, 1997 Vermont Yankee will have established its motor-operated valve periodic verification program. At that time, the program and its implementing procedures and guidelines will be in place. This date was chosen in consideration of activities to be performed prior to program initiation. These activities include: (1) establishment of relative safety risk and force margins, (2) assignment of appropriate inservice tests (IST) and test frequencies, (3) development of any new test equipment or testing techniques; and (4) submittal of an application to use the periodic verification program as an alternative to existing IST stroke-time testing requirements as discussed in Reference (b).

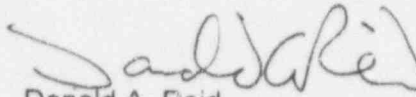
We trust that the information provided is acceptable. However, should you have questions or require additional information, please contact this office.

9611200040 961115
PDR ADOCK 05000271
P PDR

A0731/2

Sincerely,

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

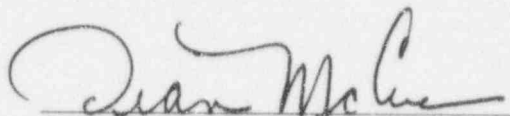


Donald A. Reid
Vice President, Operations

c: USNRC Region I Administrator
USNRC Project Manager - VYNPS
USNRC Resident Inspector - VYNPS

STATE OF VERMONT)
)ss
WINDHAM COUNTY)

Then personally appeared before me, Donald A. Reid, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Vice President, Operations, of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing document in the name and on the behalf of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Diane S. McCue, Notary Public
My Commission Expires February 10, 1999

