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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Haddam Neck Plant Formation Of A Separate NSAB For The Haddam Neck Plant

The purpose of this letter is for Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO) to discuss the formation of a separate Nuclear Safety Assessment Board (NSAB) for the Haddam Neck Plant (HNP).

In a letter dated December 5, 1996,⁽¹⁾ CYAPCO informed the NRC that the Board of Directors of CYAPCO had decided to permanently cease operations at the HNP and that the fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor.

Since the HNP is being decommissioned while the Millstone Units will continue to operate, CYAPCO has decided to establish a separate Nuclear Safety Assessment Board appointed by and reporting to Ted C. Feigenbaum, the Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer.

The reason for the separate NSAB for the HNP is that the safety issues, resources and expertise needed for decommissioning are different than those for power operation. This separate NSAB for the HNP will be able to focus on decommissioning issues such as those raised in NRC Bulletin 94-01⁽²⁾ and NRC Information Notice 94-38⁽³⁾.

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- (1) T. C. Feigenbaum letter to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Certifications Of Permanent Cessation Of Power Operation And That Fuel Has Been Permanently Removed From The Reactor," dated December 5, 1996.
- (2) NRC Bulletin 94-01, "Potential Fuel Pool Draindown Caused By Inadequate Maintenance Practices At Dresden Unit 1," dated April 14, 1994

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in a letter dated October 3, 1996,⁽⁴⁾ the NRC was informed of the organizational changes affecting the HNP, Seabrook Station and Millstone Units 1, 2 and 3. The letter stated that the NSAB, as discussed in Section 6.5.2 of the HNP Technical Specifications, would report to and have members appointed by the President and Chief Executive Officer. A proposed Technical Specification submittal dated December 24, 1996,⁽⁵⁾ provided the Technical Specification changes that would reflect these revised responsibilities.

These proposed Technical Specification changes were consistent with maintaining the single integrated NSAB for the HNP and the three Millstone Units. This single integrated NSAB was accepted by the NRC in a letter February 14, 1995.⁽⁶⁾

Subsequently it was decided that there should be a separate NSAB for the HNP appointed by and reporting to the Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer. To reflect this change, an addendum to the December 24, 1996 proposed Technical Specification was provided on January 31, 1997.⁽⁷⁾ Only HNP Technical Specification Sections 6.5.2.1, 6.5.2.2, 6.5.2.3, 6.5.2.6 and 6.5.2.7.g (pages 6-8, 6-9, and 6-10) submitted in the December 24, 1996 letter are affected by this addendum.

Therefore, effective immediately, the Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer will be the individual assuming responsibility for the responsible position of Executive Vice President - Nuclear discussed in Sections 6.5.2.1, 6.5.2.2, 6.5.2.3, 6.5.2.6 and 6.5.2.7.g (pages 6-8, 6-9, and 6-10) of the current HNP Technical Specifications. This supersedes the responsibilities discussed in Attachment 4 of the October 3, 1996 letter.

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- (3) NRC Information Notice 94-38, "Results Of A Special NRC Inspection At Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 Following A Rupture Of Service Water Inside Containment," dated May 27, 1994
 - (4) B. D. Kenyon letter to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Changes in the Northeast Utilities' Nuclear Organization," dated October 3, 1996.
 - (5) B. D. Kenyon letter to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications Administrative Controls," dated December 24, 1996.
 - (6) NRC letter from P. F. McKee to J. F. Opeka, "Issuance Of Amendment (TAC Nos. M89896, M89897, M89898, M89899)," dated February 14, 1995.
 - (7) T. C. Feigenbaum letter to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Addendum To The Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications Administrative Controls," dated January 31, 1997.

In the Safety Evaluation Report attached to the February 14, 1995 NRC letter approving the single integrated NSAB, the NRC reiterated the following statement (Section 2, 3rd Paragraph, 4th Sentence):

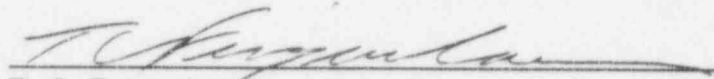
"The licensee states that the single NSAB for both sites will be composed of experts in the areas required by ANSI N18.7-1976, and the NSAB members will generally be vice-presidents, key directors, and external experts."

The HNP NSAB will consist of experienced directors, managers and external experts. These experts will have expertise in the various disciplines associated with the operation and decommissioning of a nuclear facility.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. G. P. van Noordennen at (860) 267-3938.

Very truly yours,

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