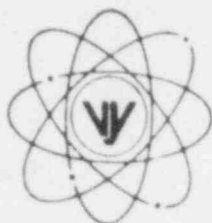


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Attn: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

References: a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
b) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, WVY 80-164, dated 12/1/80,
Results of Core Spray Sparger Inspection
c) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, dated 1/15/81, Core
Spray Sparger Program
d) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, FVY 82-9, dated 2/4/82, Core Spray
Sparger Clamp/Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring System

Dear Sir:

Subject: Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring System

In Reference d), Vermont Yankee made commitments regarding operation of the Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring System. Based primarily on the prototypical nature of the system and the unavailability of replacement parts, we indicated that no maintenance or equipment replacement was planned for the system.

At the present time, the system has degraded to the point that it no longer serves a useful function, and daily audible checks have been discontinued. During the upcoming refueling outage, many of the sensors and interconnecting cables for this system will be removed to facilitate replacement of recirculation and residual heat removal piping. Due to the degraded nature of the system, VY does not plan to reinstall these components and the Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring system will be fully removed from service.

We trust that this information is satisfactory; however, should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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