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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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April 3, 1997

LICENSEE: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation

FACILITY: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MARCH 26, 1997, MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER COMPANY

On March 26, 1997, pursuant to notice, the NRC staff met with representatives of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 1. Materials provided by the licensee at the meeting are provided in Enclosures 2 and 3. The licensee discussed the subjects in Enclosure 2. Salient points included:

1. An organization chart was provided for information. The relationship between the licensee's organization and Yankee Atomic Electric Co. (YAEC) was discussed, including the use of YAEC for the QA function, and the use of Vermont Yankee employees for systems engineering.
2. The licensee expects to submit Improved Technical Specifications sometime between September and the end of 1997.
3. Corrective action processes were discussed. Some needed corrections identified in the design basis verification effort are already being addressed.
4. The licensee stated that they are encouraging employees to identify problems early, and in some cases using cash awards to provide encouragement.
5. The licensee stated that uncertainties resulting from recent Vermont State legislature deregulation activities are expected to be resolved in the near future, possibly within the next month.

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2. Vermont Yankee (handouts)
3. 1997 Projected Capacity Margins

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MEETING WITH VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

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MARCH 26, 1997

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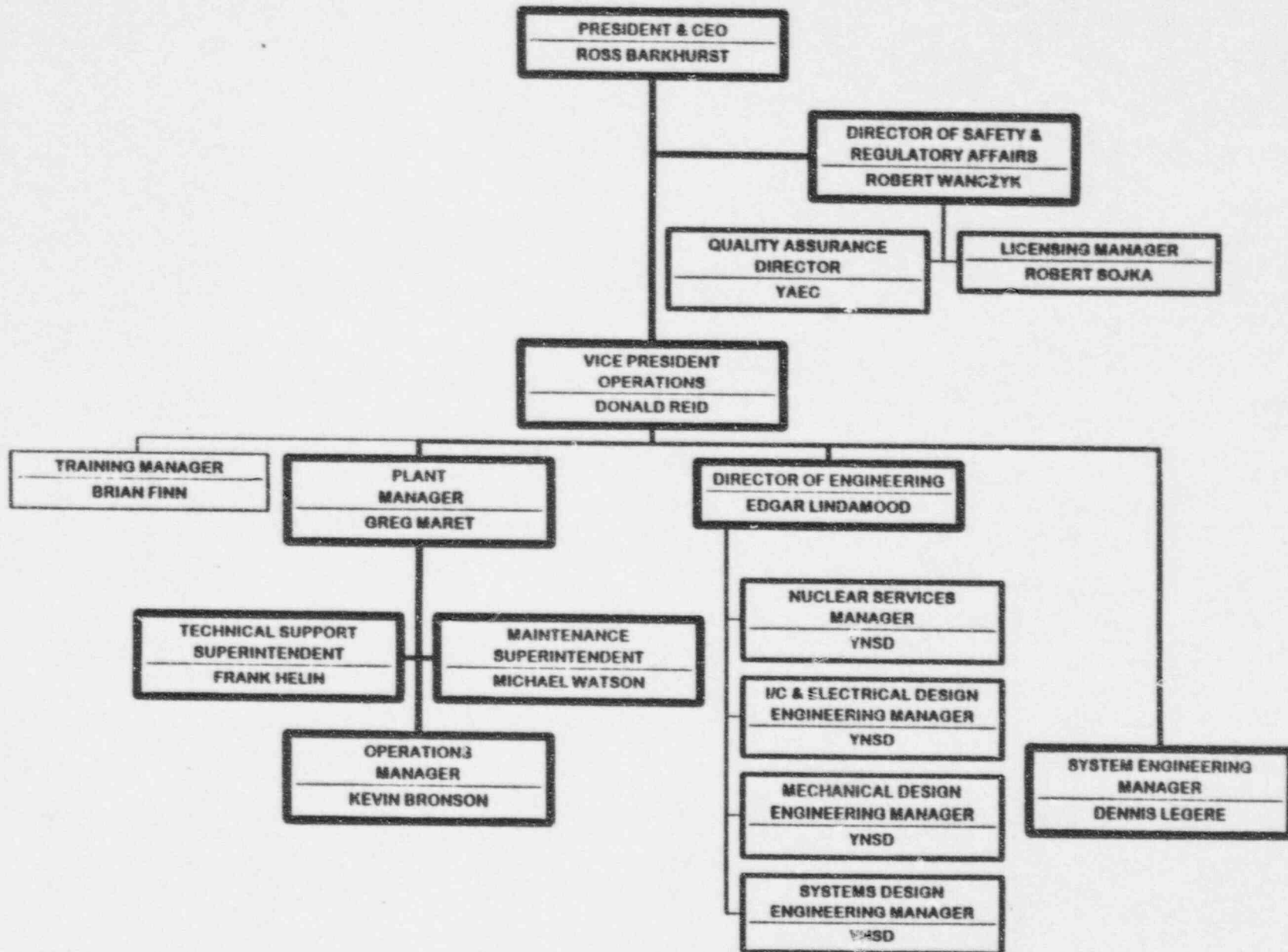
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Bob Wanczyk, Dir. Safety and Regulatory Affairs
Edgar Lindamood, Dir. Engineering

Vermont Yankee

- Engineering
- Improved Tech Specs
- Corrective Action
- Vermont Yankee Goals
- Deregulation
- Nuclear Futures Committee

SENIOR MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY



Engineering

- Design Basis Documentation
 - » Process / Schedule
 - » Open Items
 - » Program Maintenance
 - » Instrument Setpoints/FSAR
- Vermont Yankee/Yankee Atomic Organization
 - » Ownership
 - » Integrated Organization / Process

System Engineering

- Mission / Focus

- » Proactive System Monitoring
- » Maintenance Rule
- » Inter-Dept Coordination

- Status

- » Staffed - Qualified Personnel
- » Review Procedures, On-line Maintenance, Design Basis Documents

- Successes

- » Programs

Corrective Action

- Single Process (Event Report) since February, 1995, used at plant and Engineering
- Dynamic Process - 5 Revisions in 2 years
- Initiatives
 - » Optimize Reviews
 - » Trending (Human Perf / Procedures)
 - » Operability Assessments and Timeliness
 - » Benchmarking
 - » Root Cause

Vermont Yankee Goals - 1997

- Emphasis on:
 - » Safety
 - » Performance
- Encourage Problem Reporting
- Consistent Goals for All Personnel

Improved Tech Specs

- Accomplishments
 - » 6 of 7 sections generated; 4 reviewed
- Validation
 - » Instrument Setpoints
 - » Equipment Design Bases
- Reviews / Self Assessments
 - » BWR Owners Group
 - » QA Audit
 - » Independent Assessment
- Schedule

1997 Projected Capacity Margins

(Maine Yankee & Millstone 1,2,3 OOS Through 1997)

