

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-29

YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI  
INSERVICE INSPECTION (TESTING) REQUIREMENTS

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components" to Yankee Atomic Electric Company. The relief relates to the inservice inspection (testing) program for the Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Yankee-Rowe) (the facility) located in Rowe, Franklin County, Massachusetts. The ASME Code requirements are incorporated by reference into the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. The relief is effective as of its date of issuance.

Relief is granted, on an interim basis, pending completion of a more detailed review, from compliance with certain inservice inspection and testing requirements determined to be impractical for the facility because compliance would result in hardships and unusual difficulties without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The request for relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the letter granting relief. Prior public notice of this action was not required since the granting of this relief

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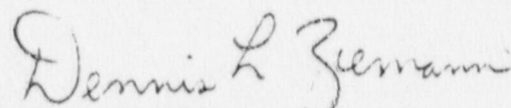
from ASME Code requirements does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the granting of this relief will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the licensee's submittal dated December 19, 1977, (2) the request for relief dated February 16, 1978, and (3) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated March 13, 1978 . All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the Greenfield Public Library, 422 Main Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01581. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 13th day of March 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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