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Docket No. 50-29

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
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Gentlemen:

By letter dated September 5, 1972, you submitted a report entitled "March 1972 Inservice Examination of Yankee-Rowe Atomic Power Plant". This report documents the results of the inservice inspection program carried out by the Southwest Research Institute during the spring 1972 refueling outage.

We have reviewed your report and have concluded that the tests and examinations performed in March 1972 comply with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, with certain exceptions allowable for Yankee where access to inspection areas is not practical. We have also concluded that you have carried out the inservice inspection program as described in your letter dated August 30, 1971, that this program is acceptable and that it provides for inspections to be made on an accelerated schedule in compliance with the Interim Policy Statement, "Criteria for Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Light Water Power Reactors", dated June 29, 1971.

Our review has identified the following two items on which we require additional information:

1. Yankee's final disposition to correct the code rejectable area in the 2-inch charging line weld (CH-5) described on page 18 in your report, and
2. During the previous inservice inspection in November 1970, cladding cracks in the pressurizer were visually inspected by means of a closed circuit television

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system and by a limited manual ultrasonic examination. Your report does not indicate that a similar inspection was made in March 1972, nor what specific plans Yankee has to monitor potential long-term changes in the condition of the pressurizer cladding.

Please provide your response within thirty days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Robert J. Schemel

Donald J. Skovholt
Assistant Director for
Operating Reactors
Directorate of Licensing

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