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Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

- References:
- (1) License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29).
 - (2) USNRC Letter to Yankee Atomic Electric Company, dated February 16, 1977.
 - (3) YAEK letter to NRC, dated December 1, 1976.
 - (4) Letter, D.E. Vandenburg (YAEK) to R.W. Reid (NRC), dated February 4, 1977.

Dear Sir:

Your letter, Reference (2), requested additional information of Yankee Rowe's evaluation, Reference (3), which considered the potential for a reactor vessel overpressurization event as a result of a single equipment failure or single operator error; and the design or procedural modifications required to preclude such an occurrence. We now find we cannot provide the submittal within the time allotted.

The extreme number, complexity of questions, and request for additional analysis, to supplement the information and analyses submitted in Reference (3), cannot be provided within the 45 days allotted. Each operating nuclear power plant for which Yankee-NSD has operational responsibility is scheduled for refueling outages, the first, commencing April 9, 1977. As a result, core reload analyses take precedence over the additional analyses you have requested. Regardless of our delayed response the schedule for implementation of the design change, discussed in Reference (3), will remain unchanged. We therefore intend to submit the additional information requested in your letter, Reference (2), on or before May 29, 1977.

We trust this meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

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