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Yankee Atomic Electric Company  
ATTN: Mr. G. Carl Andognini, Assistant  
to the Vice President  
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Gentlemen:

Your letter dated June 4, 1975, furnished information in support of your request for exemption from certain requirements in Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, "Primary Containment Leakage Testing for Water-Cooled Power Reactors". We have reviewed this information in connection with Sections 16.4.11 and 16.5.4, limiting conditions for operation "Containment Integrity and Surveillance Requirements" and "Containment Testing", respectively, which are included in your proposed new format Technical Specifications for Yankee-Rowe. In our review, we are considering the existing Yankee-Rowe continuous containment leakage monitoring system as a possible substitution for the frequency requirements in Appendix J.

In order for us to continue our review of your proposed technical specifications and your request for exemption from requirements in Appendix J, we need the additional information identified in the enclosure to this letter.

Please advise us within fourteen (14) days from receipt of this letter when you will provide the needed additional information.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
R. A. Purple

Robert A. Purple, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #1  
Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosure:  
Request for Additional Information

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. Specify the minimum containment leakage (lower limit) which can be sensed and recorded by the monitoring system when the plant is being operated at the lowest allowable containment pressure. Describe the method used to extrapolate leakage measured at the normal containment pressure to the peak calculated accident pressure (Pa) normally used for local leak rate tests.
2. Propose limiting conditions for operation which require operability of the continuous containment leakage monitoring system, including the maximum time the plant may remain operational with the monitoring system inoperable before plant shutdown is required.
3. Propose a surveillance requirement for performing a containment integrated leak rate test (Type A) subsequent to equipment hatch removal and replacement.

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