

March 21, 2000

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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (VERMONT YANKEE) -  
OPERATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE MANUAL REVISION 4 (TAC NO.  
MA7797)

Dear Mr. Newton:

By letter dated December 21, 1999, you provided a copy of Revision 3 to the Vermont Yankee Operational Quality Assurance Manual (VOQAM) pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) and 10 CFR 50.71(e). The letter certified that the information contained in this revision of the VOQAM accurately represented changes made under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) since the previous submittal.

We reviewed Revision 3 to the VOQAM to determine if quality assurance (QA) program changes adopted for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee) based on alternatives or exceptions to QA-related commitments previously approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff in a safety evaluation for other facilities had been adequately described and documented in the VOQAM as required by 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3). Our review revealed that you had overlooked the need to include in Revision 3 to the VOQAM specific QA-related commitments necessary for establishing that the bases of the NRC approval for similar QA program changes at other facilities are also applicable to Vermont Yankee.

On January 11, 2000, the NRC staff held a telephone conference with your staff to relay the results of our review. During this conversation, your staff agreed to supplement the VOQAM accordingly.

By letter dated February 22, 2000, you submitted a supplement (Revision 4) to the VOQAM to include the QA-related commitments necessary to demonstrate, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3), that the bases of the NRC approval of similar QA alternatives or exceptions for other facilities are also applicable to Vermont Yankee. We have completed our review and have no objections to Revision 4 to the VOQAM.

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This completes our review activities for this issue and TAC No. MA7797 is closed.

Sincerely,

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