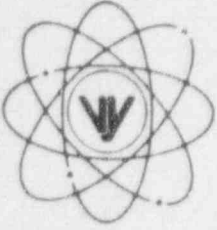


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References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, BVY 96-165, dated December 27, 1996
(c) Telecon, VYNPC to USNRC, dated February 5, 1997

Subject: Schedule for Installing Improved Fire Protection System

In Reference (b) Vermont Yankee reported details of the Switchgear Room CO₂ system modifications being performed at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. Vermont Yankee informed the NRC that following completion of testing, issuance of procedure revisions and training of personnel, the new low pressure CO₂ system would be declared functional. Vermont Yankee expected these activities to be completed by February 7, 1997.

In Reference (c), Vermont Yankee reported that operator training and testing were proceeding on schedule. However, in the conduct of these activities, concerns were identified which will require additional procedural improvements. Vermont Yankee believes these improvements are sufficiently important to revise our previously documented completion schedule. Vermont Yankee now expects the new low pressure CO₂ system to be functional by March 7, 1997. In the interim, Technical Specification compensatory measures remain in place.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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