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- References:
- (a) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, "Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Resolution of Unresolved Safety Issue A-46," BVY 98-99, dated July 17, 1998.
 - (b) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, "Vermont Yankee Summary Report for Resolution of USI A-46," BVY 96-86, dated July 1, 1996.

**Subject: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
Response to Request for Information Regarding
the Status of Resolution for USI A-46 Outliers**

During a telephone conversation between the NRC and Vermont Yankee (VY) on July 26, 1999, the Staff requested VY to provide a written summary, by equipment category, of the status of efforts to resolve the remaining A-46 outliers, as discussed during the course of the conversation. The schedule for completion (prior to startup from the 1999 refueling outage) was originally provided in Reference (b) and was reaffirmed in Reference (a). The following text supplies the requested information.

Electrical Equipment

For the physical modifications that will be made to station electrical equipment, the majority of the design packages have been prepared, reviewed and approved by station management, and the installation and test procedures have been written. Certain of these modifications may be implemented while the plant is on-line, but others can only be performed when shut down.

Mechanical Equipment

Approximately 80% of the required physical modifications have been completed, and the remaining 20% are in the modification package development stage.

Cable Trays

The required physical modifications have been conceptually scoped and walkdowns have been completed. The modification packages are presently under development.

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Tanks and Heat Exchangers

Physical modifications have been completed on two Diesel Fuel Oil Day Tanks, and remain to be done on the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) Gland Seal Condenser and Exhauster. The HPCI modification package has been prepared, reviewed and approved by station management, and the installation and test procedures are being written.

Refined analysis has been performed and is currently being checked for the Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Heat Exchangers (and the RHR Pumps, Core Spray Pumps and RHR Service Water Pumps).

Relays

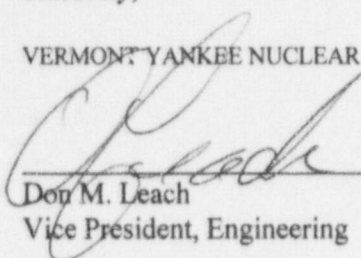
All but one (1) of the outlier relays have been resolved. The remaining outlier requires a physical modification. Conceptual scoping and walkdown for the modification have been completed, and the modification package is being developed.

These efforts are on track to be completed by the end of the Fall 1999 refueling outage, scheduled to begin on October 29, 1999 with a planned duration of thirty-five (35) days.

We trust that the information provided will enable you to complete your review of Reference (b); however, should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Wayne M. Limberger at (802) 258-4237.

Sincerely,

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION



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SUMMARY OF VERMONT YANKEE COMMITMENTS

BVY NO.: 99-99

The following table identifies commitments made in this document by Vermont Yankee. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by Vermont Yankee. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Licensing Manager of any questions regarding this document or any associated commitments.

COMMITMENT	COMMITTED DATE OR "OUTAGE"
None. Reaffirms commitments made in Vermont Yankee letter BVY 96-86 (July 1, 1996) and confirmed in BVY 98-99 (July 17, 1998).	N/A