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10 CFR 20, Appendix G

BVY 23-027

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: Report of Investigation Pursuant to 10 CFR 20, Appendix G
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-271
License No. DPR-28

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter documents the results of an investigation performed with respect to the transportation of (6) rail cars which exceeded the 45 day time limit for notification of receipt from the disposal facility as specified in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix G, as exempted. The investigation, which was completed on November 2, 2023, determined that the shipments were traced on a daily basis by the various carriers such as the New England Central Railroad, CSX, Union Pacific (UP), and Texas & New Mexico Railway (TXN), the disposal facility of Waste Control Specialist (WCS) and the Vermont Yankee (VY) waste operations personnel.

10 CFR 20, Appendix G, "Requirements for Transfers of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Intended for Disposal at Licensed Land Disposal Facilities and Manifests," Section III.A(9) states for any shipments or any part of a shipment for which acknowledgment of receipt has not been received within the times set forth in this appendix, conduct an investigation in accordance with Section III.E of this appendix.

Section III.E states that any shipment or part of shipment for which acknowledgement is not received within the times set forth in this section must:

1. Be investigated by the shipper if the shipper has not received notification or receipt within 20 days after transfer (45 days in accordance with the current exemption for VY per ML20017A068); and
2. Be traced and reported. The investigation shall include tracing the shipment and filing a report with the nearest Commission Regional Office listed in Appendix D to this part. Each licensee who conducts a trace investigation shall file a written report with the appropriate NRC Regional Office within 2 weeks of completion of the investigation.

Investigation

In the month of September 2023, six rail gondola cars departed from the VY site at 320 Governor Hunt Road in Vernon, Vermont to the WCS disposal facility in Andrews, Texas.

The rail cars were released to the first railroad carrier (New England Central Railroad) on the dates identified below. After release from VY, the rail cars were received at the WCS disposal facility after the 45-day allotted time frame.

VY and WCS receive daily tracking reports from the railroad logistics contractor, I.C.E. Service Group, for all waste shipments transported by rail from the VY site. The location of the subject shipments was verified and traced until receipt at the destination facility. VY and WCS tracked the progress of these shipments through the daily trace reports. At no time were the shipments lost or in an unknown location.

Below is the summary for the rail shipments that exceeded the time provided in 10 CFR 20, Appendix G (as exempted). The summary includes the shipment identification (Manifest) number, rail car identification (ID) number, shipment date, date of receipt at the waste disposal facility and the total number of days the shipment was in transit.

Manifest Number	Rail Car ID Number	Date Shipped	Date Received at WCS	Total Days In Transit
NSVY-2023-157	ITFX8154	9/15/2023	11/17/2023	64
NSVY-2023-158	ITFX8011	9/15/2023	11/17/2023	64
NSVY-2023-161	ITFX625996	9/20/2023	11/17/2023	59
NSVY-2023-162	ITFX625994	9/20/2023	11/17/2023	59
NSVY-2023-164	ITFX625993	9/20/2023	11/17/2023	59
NSVY-2023-166	ITFX625992	9/27/2023	11/17/2023	52

The subject transit time has been documented in Condition Report CR-2023-184; corrective actions, as appropriate, are being tracked in that Condition Report.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Thomas B. Silko at (802) 451-5354, Ext 2506.

Sincerely,



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