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SUBJECT: Response to Request for Additional Information – Certified Fuel Handler Training Program
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-271
License No. DPR-28

2. E-mail, USNRC to Vermont Yankee, “VY RAI – Certified Fuel Handler Training Program (BVY 13-095),” dated June 13, 2014,

Dear Sir or Madam:

By Reference 1, Vermont Yankee (VY) submitted a Certified Fuel Handler Training Program for NRC review and approval. By e-mail dated June 13, 2014, NRC provided a Request for Additional Information (Reference 2) in order for the staff to complete its review of Reference 1.

Specifically, the staff has asked the following question:

RAI-1
In the Request for Approval of Certified Fuel Handler Training Program, dated October 31, 2013, Attachment 1, Section 2.2 “Fundamentals Training,” Entergy States:

“Selection of topics will be based on a job analysis for the Certified Fuel Handler tasks and functions.”

Please state who will be performing that job analysis, and if there will be a Difficulty, Importance, and Frequency (DIF) review for the job analysis.
RESPONSE:

Selection of fundamental training topics for the Certified Fuel Handler (CFH) training program is being guided and informed by the recently completed job analysis for the CFH position which was led by VY Operations Training personnel with input from Operations department Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) incumbents.

This job analysis was completed using VY's current SRO task list as a basis and evolving that task list into the new CFH task list based upon the reactor being permanently shutdown and defueled with all spent fuel stored either in the Spent Fuel Pool or on the ISFSI pad. This new task list reflects expected changes to the plant's design basis and design basis accidents, including permanently defueled Technical Specifications and systems which will be abandoned. Difficulty, Importance, and Frequency (DIF) ratings for each task listed on the new CFH task list were generated with input from incumbent Operations SROs who are familiar with the expected plant conditions during the upcoming decommissioning period. Individuals involved in producing these DIF ratings included the Operations Decommissioning Project Lead SRO, an experienced incumbent Shift Manager, the Assistant Operations Manager-Training, the Assistant Operations Manager-Support and the Operations Manager. Training requirements for CFH candidates are being identified based on these DIF ratings.

Applicable training materials and objectives are being selected for the required fundamentals topics, based on the new CFH tasks and their supporting knowledge requirements. Since the reactor will be permanently shutdown and defueled, only a subset of the current Generic Fundamentals Topics will need to be taught to CFH candidates. One output of the ongoing design phase of the CFH training program will be a comprehensive list of required fundamental training topics and associated learning objectives. Qualified operations instructors are making these curriculum decisions based on the DIF values generated by operations line incumbents. Operations and training management will review and approve the selection of curricula and objectives for the fundamental training topics.

This submittal contains no new regulatory commitments.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this submittal, please contact Mr. Coley Chappell at (802) 451-3374.

Sincerely,

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