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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Reference: (a) NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-03 "Changes, Tests and Experiments," dated January 23, 2001

Subject: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
Vermont Yankee Plan for Implementing Revised 10CFR50.59

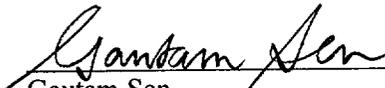
The effective date for the revised 10CFR50.59 was established, in Federal Register notice 65FR77773, as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Reference (a), the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the revised rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, Reference (a) suggested that licensees may want to communicate their implementation plans to the NRC. A copy of our transition plan has been provided to our Sr. Resident Inspector.

Vermont Yankee (VY) currently has a refueling outage (RFO) scheduled to occur during April and May of 2001. To ensure that our resources are focused on plant safety, outage preparation and outage execution, VY has decided to transition to the new 10CFR50.59 following the RFO. This letter serves to notify you that VY plans to implement the new rule by July 1, 2001. Should anything impact this date, we will communicate the impact to the Sr. Resident Inspector.

We trust that the information provided is adequate; however, should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Jim DeVincentis at (802) 258-4236.

Sincerely,

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