

March 22, 2004

The Honorable Steve Darrow
P.O. Box 880-E
Putney, VT 05346

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF
SAFETY PERFORMANCE

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Clifford J. Anderson, Chief
Projects Branch 5
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The Honorable David Deen
5607 Westminster West Road
Putney, VT 05346

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The Honorable Virginia Milkey
266 Meadowbrook Road
Brattleboro, VT 05301

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF
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The Honorable Daryl Pillsbury
141 Belmont Avenue
Brattleboro,, VT 05301

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The Honorable Sarah R. Edwards
44 Chapin Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

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The Honorable Richard J. Marek
P.O. Box 476
Newfane, VT 05345

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF
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The Honorable Richard Hube
P.O. Box 93
South Londonderry, VT 05155

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P.O. Box 335
Vernon, VT 05354

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1896 Collins Road
Brattleboro, VT 05301

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Mr. James Muckerhide
MA Emergency Management Agency
400 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01702

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Mr. Robert Hallisey, Director
Radiation Controls Program
MA Department of Public Health
174 Portland Street
Boston, MA 02114

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Mr. William Sherman
Vermont State Nuclear Engineer
Department of Public Service
112 State Street - Drawer 20
Montpelier, VT 05620-2601

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Mr. Donald Bliss
NH Office of Emergency Management
State Office Park South
107 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301-3809

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Ms. Deborah Katz
Citizens Awareness Network
Box 83
Shelbourne Falls, MA 01370

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Enclosure: Annual Assessment Letter

March 22, 2004

Vernon Board of Selectmen
ATTN: Sandy Harris
561 Governor Hunt Road
Vernon, VT 05354

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF
SAFETY PERFORMANCE

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The Honorable Roderick M. Gander
43 Tyler Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

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The Honorable Jeanette White
35A Old Depot Road
Putney, VT 05346

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