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The NRC replied to the request for an independent engineering assessment in its response to the Vermont Public Service Board on May 4, 2004. A copy of this letter was forwarded to you on May 21, 2004. The five specific actions that were included in the resolution of the Vermont State Senate have been carefully considered by the NRC. We have concluded that the specific actions requested by the Senate are already satisfied in one way or another through current or planned NRC processes. The NRC responded to the Vermont Senate by letter dated May 24, 2004. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

Thank you for your interest in NRC activities. For current information on the NRC's review of the proposed power uprate, please see the Vermont Yankee webpage on the NRC's website at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/plant-specific-items/vermont-yankee-issues.html.

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