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Please review the attached Yellow Memo that discusses the injury that occurred this past Thursday. Our first priority is that no one gets hurt; please use care and be constantly vigilant for changing conditions.

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Yellow Memo

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Memorandum: Vermont Yankee Personnel
From: John Dreyfuss – Acting GMPO
Subject: OSHA Recordable Injury from Slip and Fall on Ice

The Event:

Condition Report 2004-54 documents a slip and fall on ice outside the south side of the maintenance building. The individual had descended the metal stairway outside the building and slipped on ice on the sidewalk immediately below the last stair tread. The fall resulted in the individual fracturing his thumb – clearly a painful experience.

Our History:

The cause of this particular injury has not been determined and will be investigated via the root cause evaluation. In the mean time, it is important to recognize that we are all vulnerable to these slips and falls. We have had a history of slips and falls on snow and ice here at VY – over 30 falls in the past 3 years. In the past month we have had 2 workers suffer fractured bones due to falls on ice when descending stairs. We all know that here in Vermont we get plenty of snow and ice this time of year. Before anyone else gets hurt due to snow and ice conditions we must all examine our standards for slip and fall prevention.

Our Actions:

In order to prevent further falls management will be:

- performing periodic walkdowns of prescribed areas of ownership to assess and address risk from changing environmental conditions,
- purchasing and distributing additional non-slip footwear equipment,

In order to prevent further falls, each individual must:

- remain aware of their own vulnerability to conditions throughout the workday,
- wear appropriate footwear for New England winter conditions,
- do your part to improve conditions you find to be risky (salt, sand or shovel as you are able) to protect your peers from injury,
- promptly report adverse conditions that you cannot personally address,
- documents slips and falls via CRs in order that we can measure our effectiveness of corrective actions.