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State of Vermont
Public Service Board

July 21, 2004

William Ruland, Project Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555


Dear Mr. Ruland:

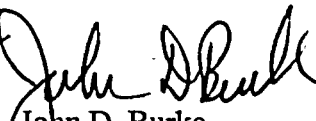
We would all like to express our sincere appreciation to you and to Mr. Richards, Mr. Holian, and Mr. Howe for your presentations to the Board on June 28, 2004.


The information you provided gives us a more focused perspective on the Independent Assessment you will conduct at Vermont Yankee. We thus have a much clearer understanding of NRC's uprate approval process. This in turn will assist in fulfilling our own obligations under Vermont law.

We look forward to the results of your efforts and thank you again for taking the time to inform us as to those efforts.

Sincerely,


Michael H. Dworkin
Chair


John D. Burke
Commissioner


David C. Coen
Commissioner

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