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August 12, 2004

Vermont Yankee
Docket No. 50-271

BVY 04-082

ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Response to Request for Additional Information Re: Safeguards Contingency Plan and Section 9.4.1 of the Physical Security Plan (TAC No. MC2984)

References: (1) NRC letter Robert J. Fretz to Jay K. Thayer dated July 23, 2004 regarding Request for Additional Information Re: Safeguards Contingency Plan and Section 9.4.1 of the Physical Security Plan (TAC No. MC2984),
NVY 04-072

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., (ENO) is in receipt of the referenced letter containing requests for additional information (RAIs). In order to standardize our approach with the NRC-approved industry approach, ENO's April 28, 2004 response to Order EA-03-086 was strictly based on NEI-03-12, "Template for the Security Plan, Training and Qualification Plan, Safeguards Contingency Plan" Revision 1, as approved by the staff in a letter from Roy P. Zimmerman to Steven D. Floyd dated June 10, 2003.

NRC RAIs requested additional information about equipment or procedures, modifications to the template language, or changes to licensee-provided details (i.e., bracketed template information). Where template language is involved, ENO will be adopting revised language once agreement has been reached between the industry Security Working Group (SWG) licensee representatives and the staff. Entergy is an active member of the SWG that will meet with the staff for this purpose. We believe this approach will be the most responsive and will maintain mutually desired consistency. For selected RAIs, ENO intends to adopt the language that is deemed acceptable to the staff and responsive to the NRC issues following the industry security frequently asked

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question (FAQ) process and the final disposition of any industry appeals. Responses that rely on this process are discussed in the specific RAI responses. We believe that sufficient detail is provided here to enable the staff to conclude the issue can be appropriately resolved subject to SWG and NRC staff agreements and later submittal of changed pages incorporating known acceptable language (i.e., a revision of the Security Plan that incorporates all responses). ENO proposes to provide revised Security Plans or replacement pages for each site that incorporate all of our RAI responses on a schedule to be determined with the staff.

This letter contains new commitments listed in Attachment 2.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mitch McCluskie at (802) 258-4187.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 12, 2004.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

1. Response to Request for Information Re: Safeguards Contingency Plan and Section 9.4.1 of the Physical Security Plan
2. List of Regulatory Commitments

w/o attachments

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