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January 26, 2005

Wayne D. Lanning, Director  
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Re: NRC Inspection Report 05000271/2004008  
Timeline for RCIC in service from alternate shutdown panels

Dear Mr. Lanning:

In the inspection report of December 2, 2004, your team found that Entergy "did not adequately coordinate between the operations department and the engineering organization regarding procedure revisions that increased the length of time required to place the reactor core isolation cooling system in service from the alternative shutdown panels." In a letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission dated December 8, 2004, Entergy provided summary information to the NRC regarding verifications performed to show that Entergy could meet the timelines required for a safe shutdown for a postulated Appendix R fire. At the Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel public meeting of December 16, 2004, an NRC representative stated that NRC inspectors would review Entergy's corrective actions for the items found in the inspection.

This item is also the subject of an accepted Vermont contention before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. Please identify if inspectors have reviewed Entergy's corrective actions for this item, and whether the corrective actions conform to the agency's requirements. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have questions, please contact me or call Bill Sherman at 802-828-3349.

Sincerely,



David J. O'Brien, Commissioner  
State Liaison Officer

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