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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ISSUES DEFICIENCIES
AS A RESULT OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED DURING THE MAY 24, 2005,
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION EXERCISE

Dear Mr. Thayer:

Enclosed are copies of letters from Kenneth A. Horak, Acting Regional Director, FEMA Region I, to Kerry Sleeper, Commissioner of Vermont Department of Public Safety; Christine McCombs, Director of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; and to Bruce G. Cheney, Director of New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management. The letters officially informed these agencies of the identification of Deficiencies during the May 24, 2005, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station Exercise.

In Vermont, FEMA identified five Deficiencies. Three Deficiencies were assessed against the State Emergency Operations Center regarding Direction and Control and Alert and Notification. The Towns of Vernon and Halifax were each assessed a Deficiency pertaining to Alert and Notification. In Massachusetts, a Deficiency was assessed against the Town of Colrain in the area of Alert and Notification, but was successfully re-demonstrated on June 1, 2005. In New Hampshire, a Deficiency was assessed against the Town of Richmond in the area of Alert and Notification. Subsequent to the issuance of the FEMA letter, we were informed by FEMA that the Town of Richmond successfully re-demonstrated Alert and Notification on June 10, 2005. The specifics regarding these issues are explained further in the respective letters.

You are requested to provide assistance to these agencies to properly resolve the Deficiencies in a timely manner. NRC, in coordination with FEMA, will monitor the progress on resolution of these issues.

If you have any questions concerning this enclosure, please contact David Silk at (610) 337-5372.

Sincerely,

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