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References: (a) NRC Bulletin 2007-01, "Security Officer Attentiveness," NRY 07-167, dated December 12, 2007

**Subject: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
Vermont Yankee Response to NRC Bulletin 2007-01**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On December 12, 2007, the NRC issued Bulletin 2007-01, Security Officer Attentiveness. The Bulletin requested information about security program administrative and managerial controls established to prevent, identify and correct security personnel inattentiveness, complicity, and related concerns with the behavioral observation program. Attached is Entergy's response for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

Entergy appreciates the staff's recognition that most sites have not had occurrences of the events cited in the Bulletin. However, the existence of multiple, overlapping, and complementary reporting, self-reporting, and oversight programs does not guarantee such human performance related events would never happen in the future. In the post-September 11, 2001 security environment significant increases in security force membership and deployment with increased numbers of fixed security posts statistically increased the potential and probability for inattentiveness. The fact that the number of occurrences is limited demonstrates that the required high assurance of adequate protection of public safety is still provided.

Although the increase in events across the nation may indicate a negative trend, it also presents an opportunity to proactively strengthen administrative and managerial controls in order to minimize the potential for future occurrences. Where problems are identified through industry experience, they are evaluated and actions are taken to prevent recurrence. Station management remains vigilant and reinforces expectations for procedural compliance and reporting in order to deter and detect acts of deliberate misconduct and complicity.

Because this response contains security-related information, Entergy requests that the Attachment to this letter be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10CFR2.390.

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There are no new regulatory commitments being made in this submittal.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Mr. David J. Mannai at (802) 451-3304.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the contents of this response are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed on February 11, 2008.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station Response to NRC Bulletin
2007-01

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