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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION – NRC SECURITY
PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION INSPECTION
REPORT 05000271/2010403

Dear Mr. Colomb:

On February 23, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security Problem Identification and Resolution inspection at your Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the Security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on February 23, 2011, with Mr. Michael Colomb, Site Vice President, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspector reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one NRC-identified finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Baseline Security Significance Determination Process). The deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspector left the site.

The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution (Corrective Action Program) because Entergy did not thoroughly evaluate the issue such that the resolution addressed the causes and extent of the condition [P.1(c)]. If you disagree with the cross-cutting aspect assigned to the finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region I; and the NRC Resident Inspectors at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Silas R. Kennedy, Acting Chief
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