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May 23, 2011

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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - NRC SECURITY
PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION INSPECTION
REPORT 05000271/2011404

Dear Mr. Colomb:

On April 22, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. The enclosed report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on April 22, 2011, with Mr. Wamser, General Manager, Plant Operations, Mr. Rademacher, Director, Engineering, and other members of your staff.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to identification and resolution of problems and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection involved examination of selected procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

This report documents one self-revealing finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Baseline Security Significance Determination Process), which was identified during the performance of the baseline Problem Identification and Resolution inspection documented in Inspection Report 05000271/2011008. 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 the inspection before the inspectors left the site.

The finding has a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance, Work Practices, because Entergy did not use self and peer checking commensurate with the security significance [H.4(a)].

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The finding was determined to involve a violation of NRC requirements. However, because of the very low safety significance and because it is entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with the NRC Enforcement Policy. If you contest this NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN.: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator Region I; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Vermont Yankee.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

James M. Trapp, Chief
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