



**FEMA**

August 30, 2011

Mr. Scott Morris  
Director, Division of Preparedness and Response  
Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington DC 20555-0001

Statement of Continued Reasonable Assurance for Vermont Yankee Power Station

Dear Mr. Morris:

Tropical Storm Irene impacted the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) surrounding Vermont Yankee Power Station on August 28, 2011. Although emergency management officials from New Hampshire and Massachusetts found no significant impact to their communities in the EPZ, Vermont officials expressed some concern due to flooding.

Consequently, State, local, and Federal officials coordinated to attain situational awareness of the impacted areas. FEMA Region I and Vermont officials conducted a physical post-event assessment on August 29, 2011. The only item of concern to officials was road accessibility within the EPZ. The designated primary evacuation routes do not include most of the currently inaccessible roads. State officials implemented a compensatory plan to evacuate inaccessible households. This compensatory plan does increase the time needed for evacuation, although not to a degree that jeopardizes public health or safety.

FEMA concludes that the offsite radiological emergency preparedness remains adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate measures can be taken to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency at the Vermont Yankee Power Station, and therefore, we have no concerns with regards to full-power operation.

If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Vanessa Quinn, Branch Chief, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program at 703-605-1535.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Mitchell".

Andrew Mitchell  
Director  
Technological Hazards Division

cc: V. Quinn, FEMA Headquarters  
J. Anderson, Nuclear Regulatory Commission