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May 29, 2012

Mr. Christopher Wamser
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION – VERMONT YANKEE

Dear Mr. Wamser:

In a telephone conversation on May 21, 2012, Mr. T. Fish, Senior Operations Engineer, and Mr. J. Taylor, Requalification Program Lead, made arrangements for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Vermont Yankee facility. The inspection is planned for the week of July 23, 2012, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish: 1) an index or summary of condition reports written in the past two years in which licensed operator errors were determined to be the root or contributing cause; 2) an index or summary of condition reports written in the past two years on simulator performance problems; 3) an index or summary of simulator performance test results in the past two years; and 4) the examination schedule, sample plan, written examinations and operating test scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by July 16, 2012. Mr. Taylor has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. Fish at (610) 337-5369.

Sincerely,

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Donald E. Jackson, Chief
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