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July 5, 2013

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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - NRC SECURITY
INSPECTION REPORT 05000271/2013202

Dear Mr. Wamser:

On May 17, 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an 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 May 23, 2013, with you and other members of your staff.

NRC inspectors 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 inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

One NRC-identified finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Security Significance Determination Process) was identified during this inspection. 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 inspectors left the area.

This finding was determined to involve a violation of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violation or significance of 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 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001;

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with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region I; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

One cross-cutting aspect was assigned to this finding, in the area of Human Performance – Decision Making because the licensee failed to assess a safety significant security issue using a systematic process when analyzing the ground material that was part of the security owner controlled area barrier (H.1(a)). If you disagree with a cross-cutting aspect assignment 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 Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR); and to the Branch Chief, Security Performance Evaluation Branch, Division of Security Operations, NSIR.

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10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response.

Sincerely,

RA by Joseph Willis for

Robert C. Johnson, Chief
Security Performance Evaluation Branch
Division of Security Operations
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

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cc w/enclosure: P. Ryan, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

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