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Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Mr. T. A. Ippolito, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #2
Division of Licensing

References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter, T. A. Ippolito to R. L. Smith, dated July 29, 1980
(c) "Vermont Yankee Advanced Offgas System", P. S. Littlefield,
S. R. Miller, H. DerHagopian, 13th AEC Air Cleaning Conference
(Conf. 740807) August, 1974

Subject: Comments on EG&G Internal Technical Report on BWR Augmented Offgas
Treatment System Operating Experience

Dear Sir:

Reference (b) forwarded the subject report for Vermont Yankee's review and comment. Vermont Yankee appreciates the opportunity to comment on this report prior to its release to the public. Our comments are listed below.

1. The subject report states that Vermont Yankee has a rated capacity of 1598 megawatts. This is incorrect; Vermont Yankee's rated capacity is 1593 megawatts.
2. Reference (c) should be included in the subject report as a reference. Reference (c) contains valuable information regarding the adsorber coefficients of the Vermont Yankee offgas system.
3. On pages 30 and 34 of the subject report, reference is made to the existence of tube leaks in the offgas condensers at Vermont Yankee. It should be noted that this condition was eliminated during the refueling outage which took place shortly after the survey for the report was completed. During that outage, the offgas condensers were replaced with new condensers of an improved design; these condensers have operated successfully with no leakage since their installation.

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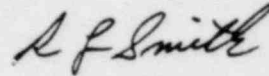
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We trust that the comments provided above will be helpful to you in preparing the subject report for final publication. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION



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