

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I

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Docket No. 50-271

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-271/80-21

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. R. H. Ladun of this office on November 30, 1980 and December 1-5, 1980 at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, Vernon, Vermont of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-28 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Ladun with Mr. W. A. Murphy and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the items of noncompliance brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated September 9, 1980. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct items 2, 3, 5 and 6. With regard to items 1 and 4, these have been withdrawn as the result of additional information provided by you in correspondence dated October 3, 1980. It was determined that item 7 is in the process of being corrected, consequently it will be reviewed at a later date.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980.

In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility security measures for physical protection are deemed to be commercial or financial information within the meaning of 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4) and shall be subject to disclosure only in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 9.12;

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therefore, the enclosures to this letter, and your response to this letter will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Walter G. Martin, Chief Safeguards Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation (Contains 2.790(d) Info)

 Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report Number 50-271/80-21 (Contains 2.790(d) Info)

cc:

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