

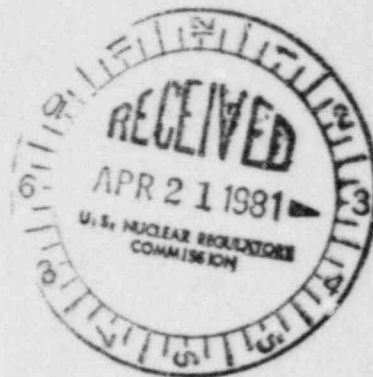


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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 50-271

MAR 16 1981



Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. William F. Conway
Vice President
411 Western Avenue Drawer 2
West Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

Gentlemen:

Subject: Management Appraisal Inspection - Vermont Yankee

The purpose of this letter is to confirm plans by the NRC Performance Appraisal Branch (PAB) to conduct a Management Appraisal Inspection at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation West Brattleboro corporate offices and at the Yankee Atomic Nuclear Service Division corporate offices. The inspection is scheduled for the weeks of April 6, 13, and 27, 1981. It is anticipated that the inspection team will spend the first week, April 6, 1981, at the plant site, the second week, April 13, 1981, at the corporate offices, and the third week, April 27, 1981, at either location as required to complete the inspection. A meeting to present the Management Appraisal findings is scheduled for May 1, 1981.

Enclosure A to this letter describes the general inspection plan that will be used during the Performance Appraisal and a listing of Functional Areas that will be inspected. The Performance Appraisal will be conducted by a team of six senior NRC inspectors, headed by Mr. Blaine Murray as Team Leader. Performance Appraisal Team members are identified in Enclosure B. A request for access authorization to the plant site, along with required identification information, will be sent to you by separate correspondence.

Certain information to support the Performance Appraisal inspection has been received from your staff. Your assistance in providing this information is appreciated. I trust that the pre-inspection meeting held between Mr. Murray and members of your staff on March 11, 1981 was beneficial to you in explaining the Performance Appraisal inspection format. An Interview List, which provides a schedule for interviews with certain members of your staff during the inspection, will be forwarded to you by the PAB prior to April 6, 1981.

The PAB inspections are an integral part of the NRC's Revised Inspection Program as described in NUREG 0397 and approved by the Commission in June 1977. As such, the Performance Appraisal inspection will not significantly increase the NRC's inspection effort of your activities under License No. DPR-28.

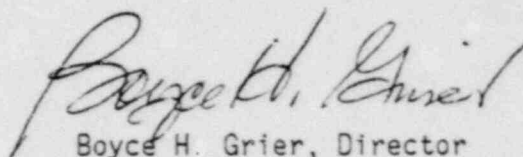
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Should you have any further questions in regard to this inspection, I will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Boyce H. Grier".

Boyce H. Grier, Director
Region I

Enclosures: As Stated

cc w/encls:

Robert L. Smith, YANSO, Licensing Engineer

Warren P. Murphy, Plant Superintendent

James E. Griffin, President

Louis H. Heider, Vice President

ENCLOSURE A

PAB MANAGEMENT INSPECTION PLAN

- I. For each of the areas listed under Item II below, determine the following:
 - A. Does the licensee have written procedures or policy documents to provide guidance in the management of the subject area?
 - B. Are the procedures and policy documents adequate for controlling the applicable activities in the subject areas to assure compliance with regulatory requirements?
 - C. Are licensee personnel who have responsibilities in the subject area adequately qualified to perform their activities and have they been adequately trained and retrained to maintain their qualification level?
 - D. Do the individuals who have been assigned responsibilities in the subject area understand their responsibilities?
 - E. Have the requirements for the subject area been implemented to achieve compliance and are these activities appropriately documented?
- II. Review the licensee's control of the following areas using the guidance of Item I.
 - A. Training
 - B. Maintenance
 - C. Design Changes and Modifications
 - D. Operations
 - E. Corrective Action System
 - F. Procurement
 - G. Committee Activities
 - H. QA Audits
 - I. Physical Protection

ENCLOSURE B

Inspector Assignments for Vermont Yankee

Blaine Murray

Training

N. C. Choules

Maintenance

Design Changes and Modifications

A. K. Hardin

Procurement

F. J. Jablonski

Corrective Action

QA Audits

R. H. Johnson

Committee Activities

Operations

W. L. Kushner

Physical Protection