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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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Docket No. 50-271

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Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Robert L. Smith
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-271/80-19

This refers to your letter dated March 16, 1981, in response to our letter dated February 12, 1981.

Based on a May 7, 1981 telephone conversation between Mr. William Conway, Vice President and Manager of Operations, and Mr. Robert Gallo of this office, regarding Item A of our letter dated February 12, 1981, we understand that, with regard to the system valve lineup check off lists (COLS), Vermont Yankee acknowledges that the use of certain valve lineup COLS without prior approval was contrary to Technical Specification 6.5.C, which states:

"Procedures...shall be reviewed and approved
by ...the Manager of Operations."

We also understand that the following actions will be undertaken to avoid recurrence.

1. Management policy will be changed to preclude the practice of releasing "advance working copies" of documents required to be approved per Technical Specification 6.5.A, C, and D.

2. Appropriate training will be conducted such that plant management is advised of this change in policy.

These actions will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program. If our understanding is incorrect, please contact this office within seven days.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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