

APPENDIX B

NOTICE OF DEVIATION

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

Docket No. 50-271
License No. DPR-28

During a routine NRC inspection conducted on August 13 - October 9, 1990, a deviation of the licensee's written commitment of May 3, 1985 was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990), the deviation is listed below.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation letter to the NRC, dated May 3, 1985, stated that it is the policy of Vermont Yankee's corporate management that all equipment and components which are addressed by Vermont Yankee's Environmental Qualification (EQ) program shall be maintained operable and fully environmentally qualified at all times, commensurate with the status of the plant. In addition, the licensee committed that whenever safety class equipment or components which are EQ but are not covered by Vermont Yankee Technical Specifications fail (are not operable), a Nonconformance Report shall be generated with disposition of the discrepancy provided within 30 days.

Contrary to the above, on July 5, 1989, the "A" Spent Fuel Pool level instrumentation channel equipment (safety class and addressed by Vermont Yankee's EQ program) was made inoperable by the removal of its power source. This condition remained until July 3, 1990, and a Nonconformance Report had not been generated to disposition the discrepancy.

Please provide to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document control Desk, Washington, D.C., 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, in writing within 30 days of the date of this Notice, the reason(s) for the deviation, the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further deviations, and the date when your corrective action will be completed. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511, the response directed above is not subject to clearance by the Office of Management and Budget.

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