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Docket No. 50-271

Mr. Donald A. Reid
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Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
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Dear Mr. Reid:

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE TRAINING INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-271/93-23

This letter transmits the findings of the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. S. L. Hansell of this office from October 18 through October 22, 1993, at the Vermont Yankee Training Facility, Brattleboro, Vermont. At the conclusion of the inspection, Mr. Hansell held discussions of our findings with members of your staff.

The inspection was a followup to the NUREG-1220 Training Inspection conducted in October 1991. The inspection concentrated on the seven outstanding training deficiencies noted in the 1991 inspection and overall management of the training department. The primary objective was to ensure that the facility's training department provided the required information to plant personnel so they could safely operate the plant. A secondary objective was to assess the short-term corrective actions related to training from the recent refuel events.

In summary, the management and content of the current training programs have improved significantly in the past two years. The training programs have been upgraded to ensure implementation of the systems approach to training (SAT). The seven training deficiencies were closed based on the facility's satisfactory corrective actions (section 3.3). Further, the training conducted after the second refuel event was appropriate and completed prior to resuming refuel operations.

The positive results of this inspection indicate that you have substantially improved your programs, but training program problems and weaknesses still exist as noted in your own self assessment. However, we are now confident that your organization can effectively identify the problems and affect viable solutions. Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Mr. Richard Conte at (215) 337-5210.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-271/93-23

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