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Docket No. 50-271

Mr. Donald A. Reid
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Dear Mr. Reid:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-271/93-31

This refers to your February 14, 1994, correspondence, in response to our December 21, 1993, letter. We have reviewed this matter in accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Procedure 92701.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions are acceptable pending further review in a future inspection of your licensed program.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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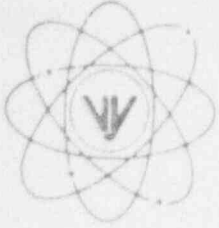
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References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, Inspection Report No. 50-271/93-31,
dated 12/21/93

Subject: 60 Day Response to Surveillance Inspection Report No. 50-271/93-31

In Surveillance Inspection Report No. 50-271/93-31 [Reference (b)], the NRC noted that the Vermont Yankee surveillance test program was implemented in accordance with approved plant procedures and technical specifications applicable to the inspection. The report also noted that the recent program upgrades adequately addressed all of the OSTI's noted program weaknesses.

However, the report identified a weakness with the tracking of safety-related pumps that required an increased frequency surveillance test in accordance with the Vermont Yankee Inservice Testing Program.

Weakness:

"Plant personnel used an informal document to ensure the proper surveillance frequency was performed instead of an existing procedure change form to update the computer automatic tracking system."

Response:

To further strengthen the Vermont Yankee Inservice Testing Program, procedure AP 0164, "Operations Department Inservice Testing," will be revised to directly reference procedure AP 4000, "Surveillance Testing Control," and to require that form VYAPF 4000.01, "Surveillance Testing Program Change Form," be completed and forwarded to the Surveillance Test Coordinator to revise the surveillance frequency. The Surveillance Test Coordinator will then update the

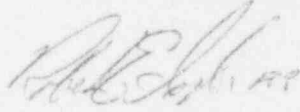
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computer automatic tracking system as required. These procedure changes are expected to be complete by March 1994.

We trust the information provided is adequate, however, should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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