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Docket No. 50-271

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Carr
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 Commissioner Remick

FROM: Steven A. Varga, Director
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 Office of Nuclear Reactor Projects

SUBJECT: BOARD NOTIFICATION REGARDING ALLEGATIONS ON SPENT
 FUEL POOL COOLING SYSTEM AT VERMONT YANKEE (BN 90-09)

The staff has received allegations related to operation of the Vermont Yankee Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System. The allegations state that the licensee did not shut the plant down nor inform the NRC after a train of the Spent Fuel Pool Cooling System was "inoperable" for greater than 30 days, contrary to an Operating Procedure requirement. These allegations are currently being reviewed according to NRC Manual Chapter 0517. Further notification will be made on resolution of these allegations.

Copies of this notification are also being provided to the Licensing Board and Appeal Board for the Vermont Yankee Fuel Pool proceedings and to the Licensing Board in the Construction Permit Recapture Proceeding, for their information.

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