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Docket No. 50-271

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. Warren P. Murphy  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Notice of Violation, NRC Inspection Report No. 50-271/90-14

This letter forwards the report of a special inspection performed by Mr. S. K. Chaudhary from October 2-5, 1990 at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, and at the corporate office at Brattleboro, Vermont. Inspection findings and conclusions were discussed by Mr. Chaudhary with you, Mr. Pelletier, and other members of your staff on October 5, 1990. Additional evaluation of your findings were performed from October 9-24, 1990 at NRC Region I office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The objective of this inspection was to review your followup actions and evaluate findings of your investigation for validity, adequacy, and effectiveness in response to our concerns transmitted to you in our letter of September 27, 1990.

The results of our inspection generally noted that your investigations of the allegations were thorough and complete. However, with regard to your investigation of the harassment and intimidation of quality control inspectors, we note that the investigation did not fully develop the findings. We request that you reexamine your facts regarding this matter and determine if further action is warranted.

Additionally, the inspection identified that one other activity was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). While this violation may meet the criteria for a non cited violation, we consider the violation to indicate a weakness in your oversight of contractor activities and request that you address this issue in your reply. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in the enclosed Notice. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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The violation along with unresolved items are described in the attached report. We request that your response to the Notice of Violation also include a discussion of your corrective actions and a schedule to address the unresolved items and the reexamination of your finding as discussed above.

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.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Your cooperation with us in the matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
Marvin W. Hodges

Marvin W. Hodges, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-271/90-14

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