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Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-271/90-19

This letter refers to the initial inspection of the Fitness-For-Duty (FFD) Program developed for and being implemented at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. The inspection was conducted on December 12-14, 1990, by Messrs. A. Della Ratta and E. B. King of this office.

Areas examined during the inspection are described in the inspection report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were observed.

Based on this inspection, we determined that the development and implementation of your FFD program are responsive to both the spirit and intent of the NRC FFD Rule. We also found that the professionalism and technical expertise exhibited by personnel involved in administering the program, particularly, the employee assistance program coordinator, medical review officer, and licensee management, are commendable.

No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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