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Docket No. 50-271

Mr. Donald Reid  
Vice President, Operations  
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation  
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Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

Dear Mr. Reid:

SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE INSPECTION 94-09

Messrs. H. Eichenholz and P. Harris and other members of the NRC staff conducted safety inspections on February 27 - April 2, 1994 year at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont. The preliminary results were discussed with Mr. J. Herron at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspection focused on issues important to public health and safety, and consisted of performance observations of the conduct of operations and maintenance, and independent evaluation of safety system status and quality records.

During this inspection, we reviewed your organization's performance in responding to events that involved significant operational, maintenance and personnel safety challenges. These events involved emergent work issues identified during the conduct of "A" emergency diesel generator preventive maintenance and equipment problems with a main steam isolation valve and a safety relief valve; the latter two issues resulting in plant power reductions. Our observations were that activities were conducted competently and safely.

No reply to this report is necessary and your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
James C. Linville

James C. Linville, Chief  
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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report 50-271/94-09

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