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Dear Mr. Pelletier:

SUBJECT: INDIVIDUAL PLANT EXAMINATION OF EXTERNAL EVENTS (IPEEE) FOR VERMONT
YANKEE (TAC NO. M83689)

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As you may be aware, Information Notice 94-32, "Revised Seismic Hazard Estimates" was recently issued advising licensees that the NRC is revisiting the seismic IPEEE program to consider the potential impact of the revised LLNL results. In the revisit, we plan to evaluate alternate binning criteria using absolute hazard information to determine if restructuring of the seismic IPEEE program to meet the IPEEE objectives is warranted. Until the results of this revisit become available, we are not able to accept your revised approach, i.e., to perform only a reduced scope seismic examination at Vermont Yankee, as meeting the objectives of the IPEEE.

Although, we cannot accept your proposed revision of the seismic IPEEE program at this time, we will address your request at the completion of the revisit. With regard to your second request, i.e., to delay your submittal until December 1995, we find your revised submittal schedule acceptable.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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