

March 7, 1995

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SUBJECT: NRC REGION I TEAM INSPECTION NO. 50-271/95-80 ON THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF LICENSEE CONTROLS IN IDENTIFYING, RESOLVING, AND PREVENTING
PROBLEMS

Dear Mr. Reid:

This letter refers to the results of the Team Inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Cook, D. Dorman, A. Finkel, and T. Shedlosky from January 9-13 and January 23-27, 1995 at your Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, Vermont. The inspection was conducted to ensure public health and safety by verifying the effectiveness of the Vermont Yankee controls for identifying, resolving, and preventing issues that degrade the quality of plant operations and safety. The inspection findings were based upon observations of certain activities, interviews, and document reviews, and were discussed with you and others members of your staff on January 27, 1995.

Overall, the team found that the Vermont Yankee staff was generally effective in identifying problems, evaluating their root causes, and in implementing corrective actions to prevent recurrence. Management oversight processes have likewise been generally effective in monitoring station activities. We acknowledge your staff's recent initiatives to improve the problem identification and resolution process, to enhance root cause evaluations, and to improve overall station performance through the management observations, department self-assessment, and operating experience review programs. Overall, the programmatic improvements reflect an enhanced management oversight process.

No reply to this letter is required, but should you have any questions regarding the inspection results, please contact me at (610)337-5129.

Your cooperation and support of this team inspection was appreciated.

Sincerely,

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