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Docket No. 50-271

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

Subject: Inspection No. 50-271/83-30

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. Johnson, Senior Resident Inspector at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station on August 23, 1983, to review the circumstances associated with a violation of transportation regulations involving a breach of integrity of a package of licensed material shipped by the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. This violation, which is described in the enclosed inspection report, was discussed by Mr. P. Clemons of this office with Mr. J. McCarthy of your staff in October 1983.

In addition to this violation, we have received information from the State of Nevada concerning another violation of transportation regulations involving the shipment of a package of licensed material from the Vermont Yankee facility to Nevada on or about September 8, 1983 in which the external surface radiation levels on the package were in excess of regulatory limits. The shipment arrived at the Nevada burial site on or about September 12, 1983.

We are concerned about these violations and have scheduled an Enforcement Conference with you in our Region I Office on November 22, 1983 at 10:00 a.m., to discuss these violations. At the Enforcement Conference, you should be prepared to discuss the events associated with each violation, the causes of the violations, and your proposed corrective actions including actions to prevent recurrence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10-day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Thomas T. Martin, Director
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Inspection

Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-271/83-30

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