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Docket No. 50-271

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Subject: Initial Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report No.
50-271/89-99

The NRC Region I SALP Board has reviewed and evaluated the performance of activities associated with the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station for the period of October 1, 1989 through March 16, 1991. The results of this assessment are documented in the Initial SALP Board Report provided as Enclosure 1.

This SALP noted continued superior performance in the functional areas of: Plant Operations; Maintenance and Surveillance; Emergency Preparedness; Engineering and Technical Support; and Safety Assessment and Quality Verification. While performance in Radiological Controls and Security remained good, positive initiatives to upgrade programs and performance were noted. Improved security effectiveness was associated with increased management attention and support in this area. Our March 1991 finding that the Licensed Operator Requalification Program was unsatisfactory detracted from an otherwise exemplary performance in the Plant Operations area.

We plan to meet with you on June 11, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. in an open public meeting at the Vernon Town Hall to discuss the SALP evaluation. At the meeting, you should be prepared to discuss our assessment and any plans you have to improve performance. The meeting is intended to be a candid dialogue wherein any comments you may have regarding our report may be discussed. Your written comments, if needed, are requested within 7 days following the meeting. The enclosed report, your response, and a summary of our findings and planned actions will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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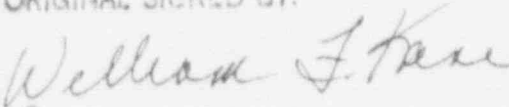
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: SALP Report No. 50-271/89-99

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