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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (EA 95-070)  
Vermont Yankee  
Docket No. 50-271

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 will be issued on or about July 5, 1995, to the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation. The action is based on violations that were indicative of weaknesses in corrective action. The licensee had identified that certain ECCS injection valves in the Core Spray system were susceptible to being pressure locked and potentially unable to fulfill their safety function following a LOCA. However, the licensee neither modified the valves to eliminate the potential problem nor performed quantitative analyses to resolve the concern until identified by the NRC a year later. The violations which allowed conditions to exist that could have had a significant impact on the ability of the Core Spray to perform its required safety function have been classified as a Severity Level III problem. A civil penalty equal to the base civil penalty of \$50,000 has been proposed under the revised Enforcement Policy, based on the licensee having been subject to previous escalated enforcement within the previous two years and having implemented satisfactory corrective actions.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	July 5, 1995
Telephone Notification of Licensee	July 5, 1995

The State of Vermont will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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