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Docket No. 50-271

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

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-271/84-10

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. W. J. Raymond of this office on May 8 - June 4, 1984, at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-28 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. W. J. Raymond with Mr. J. P. Pelletier of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C), published in the Federal Register on March 8, 1984 (49 FR 8583). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

The enclosed Notice of Violation concerns a failure by Instrument and Control personnel to properly secure from testing in accordance with procedural requirements following a calibration of the redundant torus level instrument channels. The actions taken by the technicians were contrary to written instructions governing the proper conduct of testing. This item appears as another instance where the actions taken by I&C personnel were contrary to the requirements prescribed by station administrative procedures. In your response to this letter you are requested to address in particular your actions to re-emphasize the need to observe procedural requirements regarding the proper conduct of testing.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely

Original Signed By:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-271/84-10

cc w/enclosures:

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