

October 31, 1995

Mr. Donald Reid
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Subject: VERMONT YANKEE INSPECTION 95-21

Dear Mr. Reid:

From August 22 - October 2, 1995 Messrs. W. Cook and P. Harris conducted safety inspections at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont. The preliminary results were discussed with Mr. R. Wanczyk at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspection focused on issues important to public health and safety, and consisted of performance observations of the conduct of operations and maintenance, and independent evaluation of safety system status and quality records.

The Vermont Yankee staff continued to operate the facility safely. This was evidenced by observed good control room operator performance during their response to a decrease in instrument air pressure and by the maintenance staff's identification and resolution of deficiencies associated with the "A" emergency diesel generator. Effective management oversight and quality assessments by the plant staff and Plant Operations Review Committee were also noted. This good performance was diminished by two cognitive errors involving maintenance staff poor work practices.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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