

November 6, 1995

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-271/95-20

Dear Mr. Reid:

This letter refers to the inspection of the full-participation, biennial emergency preparedness exercise conducted by Mr. J. Lusher and other members of this office on September 12-14, 1995, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-28 at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. J. Lusher with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and 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.

Within the scope of this inspection, you had effective programs in place for the activation and utilization of the Emergency Response Organization (ERO) and the Emergency Response Facilities. These were generally consistent with the Emergency Plan and Emergency Plan Implementing Procedures. Overall, the performance of your ERO was good, no particular exercise weaknesses or strengths were identified, and no safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed. However, we noted that in-plant announcements for the Unusual Event, Alert, and Site Area Emergency declarations were not timely, and that there was no means provided to maintain an up-to-date status of safety related equipment in the Technical Support Center. These are discussed further in the inspection report.

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No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Docket No. 50-271

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