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Docket No. 50-271

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Warren P. Murphy
Senior Vice President, Operations
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Subject: NRC Inspection Report No. 50-271/92-04

This refers to the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. H. Eichenholz and P. Harris of this office on February 11 - March 6, 1992, at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont. The results of the inspection were discussed with Mr. D. Reid at the conclusion of the inspection.

Inspector observations during this report period indicated safe, plant operations. However, based on the results of this inspection it appears that Vermont Yankee's failure to follow procedures and effectively implement event reporting requirements regarding the inoperability of the high pressure coolant injection system on February 20, 1992, was not in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the enclosed Notice of Violation. This failure led to a delay in a timely event report pursuant to 10 CFR 50.72.

Based on recurrence of this issue from the last SALP assessment, on-shift reporting expertise remains an apparent weakness which you should specifically address in your response.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James C. Linville

James C. Linville, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report No. 50-271/92-04

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
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