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Docket No. 50-271

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

Subject: Inspection No. 50-271/92-05

This letter refers to the safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. R. J. Albert of this office on February 24-28, 1992, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-28 and to the discussions of our findings held with Mr. D. Peid and other members of your staff by Mr. Albert at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during 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. Corrective actions for potential weaknesses identified from our previous review of your Fitness-for-Duty program were also evaluated.

Significant improvements were noted in management oversight and support for most areas of your physical security program. However, potential weaknesses were identified in the areas of access control and the protection of safeguards information. These areas warrant attention to ensure that programmatic problems do not develop. Within the scope of this inspection, no safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed.

Sections of the enclosed inspection report contain details of your security program that have been determined to be exempt from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 73.21 (Safeguards Information). Therefore, they will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution. This letter and the remainder of the inspection report will be placed in the Public Document Room, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a).

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief
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Enclosure:

NRC Inspection Report No. 50-271/92-05 (Contains Safeguards Information (SGI) in
Sections 2.2.1, 5.1.4 and 5.2)

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