

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation  
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

Docket No. 50-271  
License No. DPR-28

During an NRC inspection conducted from October 3, to November 6, 1995, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," 60 FR 34381, June 30, 1995, the following violation was identified.

10 CFR Part 50.55a(f), Inservice testing requirements, states that inservice testing of certain ASME Code Class 3 valves shall be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (the Code) and applicable addenda. Section XI of the Code (1989 Edition) incorporates by reference Part 10 (OM-10) of ASME/ANSI OMa-1988.

OM-10a, Section 4.3.2., "Exercising Tests for Check Valves," requires, in part, that stop-check valves (a specific type of check valve) be full-stroke exercised or examined in a manner which verifies obturator travel to the position required to fulfill its function. Subsection 4.3.2.4(a) states that movement shall be demonstrated by observing that the obturator travels to the seat on cessation or reversal of flow. If full-stroke exercising during power operation is not practicable, stop-check valve full-stroke exercising frequency may be limited to cold shutdowns or refueling outages.

Contrary to above, between September 1, 1993 and November 4, 1995, stop-check valves in the reactor core isolation cooling system (V13-817) and high pressure coolant injection system (V23-842) were not examined or full-stroked tested to assure obturator travel to the closed position.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Vermont Yankee is hereby required to submit a written statement of explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania  
this 29 day of November, 1995