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Docket No. 50-271

Mr. Warren P. Murphy
Senior Vice President, Operations
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
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Ferry Road
Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

Dear Mr. Murphy:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-271/92-12

This refers to the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. H. Eichenholz and P. Harris of this office on May 27 - July 6, 1992, at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont. Our inspection verified that the plant operated in a safe and conservative manner. Preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. D. Reid at the conclusion of the inspection.

Our inspection noted good performance in your actions to correct and restore the "A" emergency diesel generator to an operable status following two successive failures. We strongly endorse your efforts to understand the recent diesel component failures, improve diesel reliability and performance, and enhance your diesel maintenance program.

Two violations involving an inadequate procedure for the conduct of a Technical Specification required surveillance of the standby gas treatment system and workers failing to follow radiation work permit instructions were not subject to enforcement because your corrective actions were timely and comprehensive.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James C. Linville

James C. Linville, Chief
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