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Docket No. 50-271

Mr. Warren P. Murphy
Senior Vice President, Operations
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
RD 5, Box 169
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

SUBJECT: Inspection No. 50-271/92-17

A radiological controls safety inspection was conducted by David Chawaga at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station from August 3 - 7, 1992. Areas inspected were important to worker health and safety. The inspection consisted of facility tours, observation of work in progress, interviews with personnel and a review of station documents. Radiological posting and housekeeping practices were observed to be strong. The Radiation Protection Department's 1992 Refueling and Maintenance Outage Report was reviewed and found to be comprehensive and objective. Those cumulative personnel exposure totals which exceeded your estimates were adequately justified in the report. Overall, Radiation Protection performance during the outage was determined to be good.

Other inspection findings are detailed in the attached report. No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James H. Joyner, Chief
Facilities Radiological Safety and
Safeguards Branch
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-271/92-17

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