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Docket No. 50-271

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-271/84-18

This refers to the routine resident safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. J. Raymond of this office on July 31 - September 18, 1984, at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont. The inspection consisted of observation of activities, interviews with personnel and document reviews. The results of the inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report enclosed with this letter and were discussed with Mr. J. P. Pelletier of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

An apparent violation of NRC requirements is cited in Appendix A and was categorized under the NRC Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR 2 Appendix C (49 FR6583), March 8, 1984. A reply to this letter is required and should be prepared in accordance with Appendix A. It is exempt from the Office of Management and Budget's clearance procedures under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

One of the two valve lineup errors described in Appendix A was caused by personnel errors committed during the processing of a tagging order. An operational event caused by personnel errors committed during the processing of a tagging order is described in paragraph 9.0 of the enclosed inspection report. Our concerns regarding the personnel errors resulting in a tagging procedure and LCO violation on July 17, 1984 were described in Inspection Report 84-20 and discussed with you during a meeting in NRC Region I on September 12, 1984. While the number of items observed by NRC inspection are few in comparison with the large number of component manipulations made under AP 0140, the consequences of the recent events were not insignificant. The recent events appear as an adverse trend based on previous NRC observations and may be indicative of a weakness in implementing your switching and tagging controls. In your response to this letter, you are requested to address your assessment of these recent events, and any actions deemed necessary to strengthen the implementation of administrative controls in AP 0140 for personnel and equipment protection.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report
No. 50-271/84-18

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