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Mr. William J. Raymond Senior Resident Inspector U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission P. O. Box 176 Vernon, VT 05354

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Attached is a copy of the LRS Consultants' report on Team Visit #3-83 for 1983, and a copy of the transmittal letter to Governor Richard Snelling.

Please call if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Richard A. Snelling Governor of Vermont Pavilion Office Building Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Governor Snelling:

Enclosed is the LRS Consultants' report on Team. Visit #3-83 which took place on October 12 through 14, 1983, at the Vernon plant site and our corporate office.

We are gratified by the Team findings in the area of radiation protection and remain aware of the necessity for continuous high level management interest and dedication in enhancing the ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) concept.

We agree with the recommendation that personnel be provided with periodic updates on the health effects of ionizing radiation to include perspective on risk associated with radiation. We are presently providing instruction on this subject as part of a full day mandatory training session on all aspects of health physics and intend to continue this practice on an annual basis.

With respect to the female worker radiation exposure policy, we concur with the data present by the Team. We presently have two (2) female workers routinely working in the Radiation Control Area (RCA) and both are trained, qualified Health Physics Technicians who are totally conversant with USNRC Regulatory Guide 8.13. At this time, we believe there is no need to adjust our current conservative policy; however, should the present situation regarding females woking in the RCA change, we would revisit the Team recommendation.

The Health Physics Review Board was formed to provide me with an independent evaluation of plant health physics activities as well as associated regulations and regulatory guidance. The Board will be meeting again later this month and will proceed in the manner recommended by the Team.

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We do, on a continuing basis, remind personnel to insure they properly monitor themselves prior to leaving a contaminated or potentially contaminated area. We will continue that practice which we believe has been effective as evidenced by Team findings indicated in the report.

We have compiled a report relative to the reportable concentrations of Cobalt-60 found in river sediments at a discharge point into the Connecticut River. The report details corrective actions to be taken by Vermont Yankee and was published subsequent to the Team visit. Both the State of Vermont and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission were provided copies of the report.

We are presently seeking personnel in order to fill vacancies within the Plant Training Department. At the time of the Team visit, there were three (3) vacancies in the department caused by: a) an employee who elected to further his formal education; b) an employee who obtained employment at another nuclear power plant and; c) an employee who was transferred to initiate staffing the Vermont Yankee simulator project. Recently, we have been able to fill one of the vacancies. Additionally, in recognition of the increased training demands, we have authorized one (1) new position within the department. We will continue to observe all training activities in order to best determine the adequacy of our current complement as well potential future needs.

We are actively engaged in upgrading management capability and focusing on developing communication skills as identified by the Team and will be keenly interested in their ongoing reaction to the viability of our program.

If you have further questions concerning the report, please contact me.

Sincerely.

William F. Conway

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