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Docket No. 50-271

Mr. Warren P. Murphy
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURES (EOP) INSPECTION
RESPONSE MEETING - INSPECTION REPORT 50-271/92-80

This letter is in response to your letter of June 22, 1992, and documents the meeting held at the NRC Region I office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on July 14, 1992. The list of attendees is provided in the Attachment. The meeting was convened as requested by the licensee's letter to have additional discussions on the issues and concerns identified in inspection report 50-271/92-80 on the Vermont Yankee Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs).

As a result of the EOP inspection, the licensee was requested to submit a written response to several of the identified weaknesses and provide a perspective of the root causes for the weaknesses. The licensee's letter was satisfactory but raised some issues as requiring additional discussion in order for the facility to be fully responsive to the issues identified during the inspection.

The meeting provided clarification of several of the NRC issues identified in the inspection report. The meeting summary is contained in the enclosure. The licensee representatives were requested and indicated that a revised submittal with additional information on the specific actions to be taken on each of the issues will be provided by October 14, 1992.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure: Meeting Summary w/Attachment 1

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VERMONT YANKEE MEETING SUMMARY
EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURE ISSUES

JULY 14, 1992

1.0 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the open issues regarding the Vermont Yankee Emergency Operating Procedures.

2.0 SUMMARY

The NRC staff provided clarification of the following sections of inspection report 50-271/92-80, (4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3; Attachment 3 Section 1 - C.1, E.2.a, E.3.a, E.4.a; Attachment 3 Section 2 - A.1, E.1.a, E.2.a; and Attachment 3 Section 3 - C). The licensee was cooperative in understanding the NRC staff positions on the issues and they provided good feedback and insight on the issues. The licensee representatives acknowledged that, based on the discussions, they understood the issues as stated in the inspection report. Based on the licensee insight provided for two comments in the inspection report, (Attachment 3, Section 1, E.2.a "Termination and Prevention of Injection" and Attachment 3, Section 2, E.2.a "RPV Water Level Above the Minimum Steam Cooling RPV Water Level") these comments are resolved and require no licensee action.

The licensee was informed that the matrix included in their June 22, 1992 letter did not describe the specific action taken for each issue. As a result the NRC staff could not determine whether the response would resolve the specific issue. In addition, it appeared that the matrix was incomplete in some areas. The licensee representatives acknowledged that there were some errors in the matrix. The licensee representatives were requested to submit a revised response and indicated that a revised submittal of the facility response to the NRC inspection report would be provided by October 14, 1992. The revised submittal would provide additional information on the specific actions to be taken on each of the issues identified.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The meeting clarified the issues in inspection report 50-271/92-80. Based on the discussions, the licensee acknowledged that they understood the issues as stated in the inspection report. The licensee will submit a revised response to the inspection report findings.

Attachment: Meeting Attendees

ATTACHMENT 1**MEETING ATTENDEES****Vermont Yankee**

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L. Doane, Assistant Operations Manager
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