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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - VERMONT YANKEE

Dear Mr. Reid:

On November 7, 1997, the NRC staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Vermont Yankee. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Vermont Yankee involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period July to October 1996. PPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Vermont Yankee PPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next six months and tentative plan beyond. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident core inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at 610-337-5183.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Inspection Plan

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**VERMONT YANKEE
INSPECTION PLAN**

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction (Safety Issues Portion of Inspection Program)

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
TI 2515-109	Inspection Requirements for Generic Letter 89-10; S/R MOV Valve Testing and Surveillance; Rev. 1 (Part 2)	1	1/13-17/97	Area of Emphasis - Part 2 of TI involves evaluation of implementation by sampling of MOVs for detailed review
82302	Review of Exercise Scenario	2	1/13/97	Core Inspection
IP 82301 & IP 92904	Evaluation of Exercises for Power Reactors Followup - Plant Support	3	3/17-21/97	Core Inspection & Followup on TSC Ventilation Adequacy
IP 92903	Followup-Engineering	1	3/24-28/97 & 4/7-11/97	Regional Initiative - Focus on HPCI/RCIC space heaters and AOG deficiencies and related matters
IP 93801	Safety System Functional Inspection	4	5/5-16/97	Region Initiative Team - Design Bases Documentation May be replaced with Architect Engineer (A&E) Team Inspection in June 1997
IP 81700 (First)	Physical Security Program for Power Reactors	1	5/27-30/97	Core Inspection

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IP 37550 (First)	Engineering	1	6/2-6/97	Core Inspection
IP 42001	Emergency Operating Procedures	1	CQ 97-3	Regional Initiative - Review VY written response detailing root cause and corrective actions on EOPs
IP 64704	Fire Protection Program	1	CQ 97-3	Core Inspection
IP 84750 (Environment Part)	Radioactive Waste Treatment, and Effluent and Environmental Monitoring	1	7/14-18/97	Core Inspection
IP 62706	Maintenance Rule Inspection	4	8/4-8/97	Maintenance Rule Team Inspection
IP 84750 (Effluent Part)	Radioactive Waste Treatment, and Effluent and Environmental Monitoring	1	9/22-26/97	Core Inspection
IP 64150	Post Safe Shutdown Capability	1	10/1/97	Regional Initiative - Review Eng. Support for design inadequacies, corrective action modifications and other measures to meet App. R
IP 37550 (Second)	Engineering	2	12/1-12/97	Core inspection