

June 14, 1999

Mr. Robert Wanczyk
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-271/99-03

Dear Mr. Wanczyk:

On May 9, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Vermont Yankee (VY) facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six weeks covered by this inspection period, operational activities at Vermont Yankee were conducted in a safe manner. The routine maintenance and surveillance activities observed were also completed in a safe and competent manner. Although two violations of NRC requirements were identified, and are discussed below, these issues did not result in a reduction in the overall level of plant safety.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two Severity Level IV violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs involved: (1) an administrative procedure that would permit delays in implementing Technical Specification required actions for up to 24-hours when missed surveillances are discovered; and (2) a failure to receive the required approval for use of an alternative ASME post-repair inspection method, prior to returning a valve to service. These NCVs are further described in the subject inspection report.

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Sincerely,

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