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Docket No. 50-271

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Warren P. Murphy
Vice President and Manager
of Operations

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-271/89-04

This letter refers to the routine safety inspection of your Fire Protection Program conducted by Mr. A. Krasopoulos of this office on March 20 - March 23, 1989 at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Station, Vernon, Vermont. Mr. Krasopoulos discussed the findings of the inspection with Mr. J. Pelletier at the conclusion of the inspection. The findings of the inspection were further discussed in a telephone conversation between Dr. W. Johnston of NRC Region I and Mr. R. Pagodin of your staff on April 21, 1989.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective review of procedures and records, interviews with personnel, and observations made by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. You are required to respond to this letter within 30 days and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A. This violation refers to the operability of the carbon dioxide suppression systems in the cable vault and in the diesel fire pump day tank room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Thomas T. Martin

Thomas T. Martin, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-271/89-04

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