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MEMORANDUM TO: Clifford J. Anderson, Chief, Branch 5
 Division of Reactor Projects
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FROM: Richard P. Croteau, Project Manager, Section 2 ORIG SIGNED BY:
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 AT VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (VY)
 (TAC NO. MA6437)

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We recommend that you verify that the licensee has adequately addressed drywell coatings with respect to the scoping requirements of the Maintenance Rule during future inspections or discussions with the licensee.

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