

January 13, 2000

Mr. Samuel L. Newton
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION TO THE VERMONT YANKEE OPERATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE MANUAL - VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. MA7132)

Dear Mr Newton:

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Based on our review of the VOQAM, we have concluded that the changes are acceptable. The changes in commitment satisfy the review guidance provided in NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan," Section 17.2 and the regulatory requirements in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B. Our safety evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,
Original signed by:
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Docket No. 50-271

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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