

June 4, 2008

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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION - (VERMONT YANKEE)

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

In a telephone conversation on June 4, 2008, Mr. Kevin Stupak, Operations Training Superintendent, and Mr. Joseph D'Antonio, Senior Operations Engineer, made arrangements for the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Vermont Yankee facility. The inspection is planned for the week of July 14, 2008, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish: 1) an index or summary of condition reports written in the past two years in which licensed operator errors were determined to be the root or contributing cause; 2) an index or summary of condition reports written in the past two years on simulator performance problems; and 3) the examination schedule and operating test scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by July 7, 2008. Mr. Stupak has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. Joseph D'Antonio at (610) 337-5085.

Sincerely,

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John Caruso, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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