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September 17, 2012

Mr. Chris Wamser
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P.O. Box 250
Governor Hunt Road
Vernon, VT 05354

**SUBJECT: INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING OPERATING TEST APPROVAL -
VERMONT YANKEE**

Dear Mr. Wamser:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations for the operating test at the Vermont Yankee facility. Please note that written examination approval will be communicated under separate correspondence.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Mr. K. Stupak, Manager of Training. Note that any examination waivers have been addressed in separate correspondence.

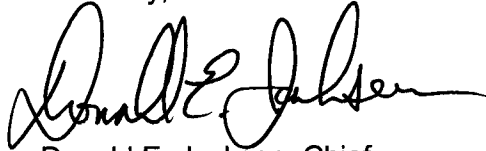
The NRC approved the subject operating test in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1 on September 17, 2012. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of September 24, 2012. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, contact me at (610) 337-5306.

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Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. T. Fish, at (610) 337-5369, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level Reactor Operator (RO) or Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald E. Jackson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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