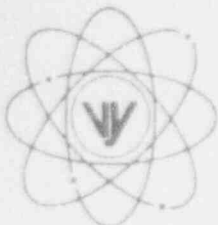


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(b) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, Inspection Report No. 92-19 (NVY 92-224), dated 12/24/92

Subject: Response to Emergency Preparedness Inspection Report No. 50-271/92-19

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information in response to Reference (b) concerning our September 1992 Emergency Preparedness Exercise. Specifically, we were asked to provide information regarding performance of in-plant corrective action activities of the Operations Support Center (OSC), in response to the simulated conditions of the exercise scenario. Vermont Yankee has appointed a management level working group to evaluate this area for improvements and the following initiatives have been identified and will be completed prior to the 1993 drill and graded exercise.

A strategy was developed to more clearly define managements' expectations of what is expected of "In-Plant Corrective Action Teams" during emergencies. This strategy involves the following:

- Revision of procedure AP-0021, Work Orders, to streamline and more clearly define the authority, responsibility and documentation of repairs during emergency situations.
- Revision of procedure OP-3507, Emergency Radiation Exposure Control, to provide a more detailed description of OSC work activity documentation.
- Revision to the Emergency Plan Implementing Procedures (EPIP's) to ensure assignment of an appropriate work coordinator in the OSC with specified responsibilities, for in-plant corrective action activities.
- Training of appropriate emergency response personnel on these procedure changes.

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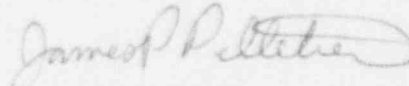
Additionally, a revised format of communicating drill and exercise ground rules will be utilized for the drill and graded exercise to ensure that emergency response organization personnel are aware of the limits of simulation for drill and exercise related activities. This will be undertaken with the individual departments, at meetings prior to the 1993 drill and graded exercise. In addition, the exercise manual has been revised and mini-scenarios have been written to more clearly state the activities to be simulated and clarify expectations.

Vermont Yankee has also scheduled an INPO assist visit during our 1993 drill in March to assess the TSC/OSC interface and OSC in-plant activities. This will give us an opportunity to take advantage of industry experience in these areas. In addition, our 1993 drill and exercise objectives were written to ensure that in-plant corrective actions are scrutinized by our Controller/Observer Organization.

We trust that this information is responsive to your concerns; however, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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