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Rick please prep a note to file on this call.

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On September 21, 2004, NRC staff held a conference call with staff at Vermont Yankee regarding the results of NRC's audit of the steam dryer analysis conducted August 23 - 26, 2004. Based on the information provided by the licensee in its submittals, at the public meetings, and during the recent audit, the NRC staff informed the licensee that the licensee's analysis of record does not demonstrate that the steam dryer at Vermont Yankee nuclear power will remain capable of maintaining its structural integrity under EPU conditions. The staff described five examples of concerns with the analysis: **Rick -please add Tom's five examples.**

Staff also indicated that a purely analytical approach to resolution of the dryer issues was not likely to be successful in demonstrating the ability of the dryers to maintain structural integrity. Consideration should be given to some other method such as instrumentation, or a monitoring strategy, or an incremental power ascension process.

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