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Carolyn,

Entergy recently provided us with its final root-cause report for the transformer fire at Vermont Yankee. Our review of the report is under way. We expect to document the results of our review in the quarterly inspection report for VY that will cover the period for July-September.

Regarding the potential strike, Entergy has informed us it will not need outside workers during the first few weeks of a walkout. However, if a strike lasted longer than that, it would need to enlist some outside support. Typically, plant managers who previously worked as reactor operators would man the control room during a strike. That's because reactor operators must be licensed to run specific reactors. As such, Entergy could not bring in a reactor operator from, for example, its Indian Point facility to operate VY.

We have reviewed the plant's contingency plan and found it to be acceptable.

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>>> "Carolyn Lorie" <clorie@reformer.com> 08/16/04 11:58AM >>>
Neil,

Has the NRC completed its investigation into the fire at VY? If so, what was the conclusion? If not, when will it be completed?

Also, there is some debate about the VY strike plan. Plant officials are saying that only mgt. will take over important positions, the union is saying that the plans calls for outside workers to come from other plants. I spoke briefly with Diane on Friday but she couldn't track anyone down who had read the plan. Can you tell me who is right here?

Thank you,
Carolyn

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