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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL PLANT-SPECIFIC
SUPPLEMENT 30 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NOS. MC9670)

Dear Mr. Balduzzi:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the final plant-specific Supplement 30 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS)," regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-28 for an additional 20 years of operation for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee). Enclosed is a copy of the final supplement and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final supplement is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. The Accession Numbers for the final Supplement 30 to the GEIS are ML072050012 for Volume 1 Main Report, and ML072050013 for Volume 2, Appendices. In addition, the final supplement will be available at the following libraries for public inspection: Vernon Free Library, 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon, Vermont; Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont; Hinsdale Public Library, 122 Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale, New Hampshire; and Dickinson Memorial Library, 115 Main Street, Northfield, Massachusetts.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final supplement, the staff recommends that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Vermont Yankee are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Entergy; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of comments received by the public.

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A separate Notice of Availability of the final supplemental environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr., at 301-415-1590 or by e-mail rle@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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