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Mr. Michael Colomb
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Dear Mr. Colomb:

The Vermont Departments of Public Service, Health and Environmental Conservation request the resumption of radiochemical analysis of the Construction Office Building (COB) well as soon as possible. We consider analysis of this well extremely valuable due to its depth and location in close proximity to the Advanced Off-Gas (AOG) building, a source of tritium contaminated groundwater. In addition, a positive tritium test result in the COB well during packer testing in October 2010 has yet to be sufficiently explained. Additional samples might offer further explanation. We have asked Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee (ENVY) to resume this testing, both verbally and in writing, since February 2010 when the former drinking water well was taken out of service.

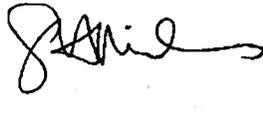
Despite the numerous state regulator requests to obtain samples from the COB well, ENVY has yet to do so. We would appreciate a prompt and complete written explanation as to why ENVY has failed to obtain samples from the COB well to date. ENVY had indicated that it would sample the well in February 2011, but operations ceased before a sample was obtained. We understand concerns were expressed about sampling activities introducing tritium contamination into the COB well; please clarify if that is the primary concern or if there are additional, reasons for the sampling delay.

We understand that Vermont Yankee has developed a draft sampling plan for the COB well that has been submitted for executive review at Entergy's Jackson office. We also understand that such review should be complete by the beginning of next week. Once the plan is available we request that ENVY provide us with copies of the sampling plan. Again, samples obtained from this location may help verify whether deeper sources of water, where drinking water is obtained, have been affected.



We anticipate ENVY's full cooperation with these requests by no later than March 28, 2011. If we are not in receipt of these documents by that date we will take appropriate enforcement action.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.



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