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Vermont Yankee Warns Against Trespassing

Vermont Yankee is required to meet the security requirements set forth by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and other agencies such as Homeland Security and the FBI. These security measures have been designed to protect the facility, its employees and the public.

The NRC requires all nuclear power plants to employ a physical protection program that includes intrusion detection and alarm systems, an armed response security force to defend the facilities and other measures that are not shared with the general public. Following the shutdown of Vermont Yankee, modified security measures, approved by the NRC, were put in place, resulting in redeployment of gate security officers.

The fences and checkpoints you see at Vermont Yankee are only a small part of its defense in-depth security strategy. In fact, much of its defense lies in the things you can't see. While the trespasser might have driven into the parking lot outside the plant's Protected Area, there was continuous monitoring of all areas across the site and additional security measures in place at the Protected Area boundary. Vermont Yankee security identified and detained the trespasser. Pursuant to procedure, local law enforcement was notified and the trespasser was issued a notice against trespass.