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James Connell, Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company 321 Old Ferry Road Wiscasset, ME 04578-4922

SUBJECT: MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY

Dear Mr. Connell:

We are writing to congratulate you and your staff on the significant accomplishment of safely and successfully completing the initial phase of decommissioning at the former Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company site in Wiscasset, Maine. This campaign allowed spent fuel to be safely transferred for onsite storage at the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation and the former Protected Area for the Nuclear Power facility to be released for unrestricted use. These actions were accomplished while maintaining high standards for radiological and industrial safety. In particular, we acknowledge your efforts to obtain input from the State of Maine, the Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel and other stakeholders to enhance the project outcome.

We appreciated the professional manner of the interactions among our staffs as we sought to ensure that NRC regulatory requirements were met.

Sincerely,

/**RA**/ Samuel Collins Regional Administrator

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George Pangburn, Director Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Ronald Bellamy, Former Chief Decommissioning Branch Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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