



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

May 14, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: James P. Murray
Office of Executive Legal Director

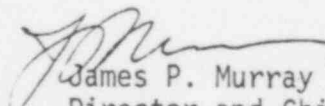
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ORDER TO SHUTDOWN MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC
POWER STATION

By petition dated May 2, 1979, Peter Murray, on behalf of Safe Power for Maine and Nancy Crane DeWick, requested under 10 CFR 2.206 that an order be issued continuing the current shutdown of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station pending an evaluation of the effect of asymmetric loading of the reactor vessel on reactor system components and support structures. Although addressed to the Director of I&E, the subject matter of the petition appears to be more appropriately within the jurisdiction of the Director of NRR.

This office will work with your staff to develop an appropriate response to the petition under 10 CFR 2.206. Enclosed for your use are drafts of:

1. A letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Murray;
2. A letter of transmittal to the Licensee; and
3. A notice of receipt of request for publication in the Federal Register.

If these drafts are not changed, they need not be returned to this office for concurrence. However, please provide us a copy of the outgoing letters and notice and refer other correspondence related to this matter to this office for concurrence.


James P. Murray
Director and Chief Counsel
Rulemaking and Enforcement Division

Enclosures: a/s

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Docket No. 50-309

Peter L. Murray, Esq.
Murray, Plumb & Murray
30 Exchange Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Mr. Murray:

This letter is sent to acknowledge receipt of your petition on behalf of Safe Power for Maine and Nancy Crane DeWick requesting that the Director of Inspection and Enforcement issue an order that the current shutdown of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station be continued pending an evaluation of the effect of asymmetric loading of the reactor vessel on reactor system components and support structure. Your petition has been referred to the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation because the subject matter of the petition is within the jurisdiction of this office.

Your petition is being treated under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and accordingly, appropriate action will be taken on your petition within a reasonable time. I enclose for your information a copy of the Notice that is being filed for publication with the Office of the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: a/s

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Docket No. 50-309

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company

Dear Sir/Madam:

I enclose for your information a copy of petition filed on behalf of Safe Power for Maine and Nancy Crane DeWick which requests that an order be issued to continue the shutdown of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station pending an evaluation of the effect of asymmetric loading of the reactor vessel on reactor system components and support structures. The petition is being treated under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and accordingly, appropriate action will be taken on the petition within a reasonable time. I also enclose for your information a copy of the Notice that will be filed for publication with the Office of the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: a/s

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY)
(Maine Yankee Atomic Power) Docket No. 50-309
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REQUEST FOR ACTION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated May 2, 1979, Safe Power for Maine and Nancy Crane DeWick requested that an order be issued to continue the shutdown of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station pending an evaluation of the effects of asymmetric loading on reactor system components and support structures. This petition is being treated as a request for action under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and accordingly, action will be taken on the petition within a reasonable time.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555 and in the local public document room at the Wiscasset Public Library, High Street, Wiscasset, Maine 04578.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this ____ day of May, 1979.

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