

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



July 13, 1979

Docket No. 50-309

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sherman and William Cunningham Island North Edgecomb, Maine 04556

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sherman and William:

This is in response to your letter of May 2, 1979, regarding the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station.

On May 24, 1979 we terminated the Order to Show Cause issued March 13, 1979, which related to Maine Yankee seismic design concerns, thereby allowing the facility to resume power operation. This action was taken after we determined that the public health, interest or safety did not require the continued shutdown of the facility. A copy of our May 24, 1979 Termination of Order to Show Cause is enclosed for your information

Although unrelated to the issues of the Order, the licensee's reponse to NRC requested information/action related to the Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) accident was reviewed in a preliminary manner prior to terminating the Order. Based on this review, we determined that the licensee had taken actions to provide added protection to the health and safety of the public. Our detailed evaluation of the licensee's response is still in progress and when complete will be available in the NRC public document room at the Wiscasset Public Library.

Sincerely,

H. Gammill, Acting Assistant Director for Operating Reactor Projects

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Enclosure: Termination of Order to Show Cause dtd. 5/24/79

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