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Docket No. 50-309

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
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Gentlemen:

The enclosed Circular 79-15, is forwarded to you for information.
If there are any questions related to your understanding of the suggested actions, please notify NIOSH at the telephone No. listed in the attachment to the Circular.

Sincerely,

A. W. McDaughy
for Boyce H. Grier
Director

Enclosures:

1. IE Circular No. 79-15 w/attachment
2. Listing of IE Circulars
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cc w/encls:

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BURSTING OF HIGH PRESSURE HOSE AND MALFUNCTION OF RELIEF VALVE AND "O"-RING IN CERTAIN SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Description of Circumstances:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been informed by mailgram (copy attached) from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of occurrences of bursting of the high-pressure hose assembly, and malfunction of the relief valve and of the "O"-Ring in the main line assembly of the SurvivAir Mark I self-contained breathing apparatus. Anyone of these failures would result in immediate loss of air supply to a user.

Licensees who use the SurvivAir Mark I SCBA should:

1. Discontinue use of the apparatus until the units have been inspected by the manufacturer and all necessary repairs or replacements have been made.
2. Contact the manufacturer or supplier of the equipment for instructions on arranging for inspection and repair.

No written response to this circular is required. If you require additional information regarding this subject, please contact the office specified in the attached mailgram.

Attachment:
Mailgram

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