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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 50-309

July 18, 1979

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Groce
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Gentlemen:

Since the Three Mile Island incident, the NRC Commissioners, the public and the media have expressed an increased interest in the status of operating nuclear power plants and fuel facilities. This interest has now reached a level where it is desirable to know, on a daily basis, the status of nuclear facilities with an operating license. We request your cooperation in obtaining this information. We plan to contact each operating facility on the dedicated phone during the last half of the 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift each day. This call will also be used as the check of the dedicated telephone line. The amount of time required should not exceed one or two minutes for any facility since we will only be asking for the operating status of each plant. If a unit is not fully operational, we would like to have a very brief description of the reason for this. During prolonged outages, we will not make these status calls. Implementation of this program will start Monday, July 23, 1979.

Please notify your responsible plant personnel of this program. If you have any questions please call the Regional Office.

Sincerely,

for Robert V. Carlson
for Boyce H. Grier
Director

CC:
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