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Docket No. 50-309

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Charles D. Frizzle
President - Nuclear Operations
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 50-309/89-81

During the period of July 17 through July 28, 1989, the NRC conducted an announced team inspection of the emergency procedures used by the operators at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company.

At the conclusion of the inspection, the preliminary findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. Within the context of this report, the term emergency procedures includes the Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs), Functional Restoration Procedures (FRPs), Abnormal Operating Procedures (AOPs), and other procedures referenced within those procedures.

The overall assessment of the inspection team is that the procedures are generally well written and that the operators should be able to utilize the procedures to mitigate an accident. With modifications as indicated in the enclosed inspection report, the program at Maine Yankee could be used as an example of a well developed program.

During the inspection, one concern was identified which warrants your attention. This concern is the direction given to the operators that the emergency procedures are not to be considered verbatim compliance documents but are intended to be used as a guide (see paragraph 2.0 of the enclosed inspection report).

You are requested to respond, in writing, to the above concern within 30 days of receipt of this letter identifying those actions taken or planned. Your response should contain the specifics of how the changes will be made, and a schedule of when the changes will be implemented, including training on the changes.

In addition, Attachment 4 to the enclosed inspection report identifies several other weaknesses relative to implementation of the emergency procedures. You are requested to respond to the identified weaknesses within 60 days of receipt of this letter.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact me at 215/337-5291.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Robert M. Gallo, Chief
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Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-309/89-81; w/Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4

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