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Yankee Atomic Electric Company Attention: Mr. Robert H. Groce Licensing Engineer 20 Turnpike Road

Westborough, Massachusetts 01.581

License No. DPR-3 Inspection No. 76-10 Docket No. 50-29

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. D. Neely of this office on March 30-31, 1976 at Rowe, Massachusetts, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-3 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Neely with Mr. H. Autio and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement a explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further items of noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.



In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 2° ys to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Nelson, Chief

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Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A. Notice of Violation

2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-29/76-10

cc: H. Autio, Plant Superintendent Donald G. Allen, President