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The Honorable Joseph E. Brennan  
Governor of Maine  
Augusta, Maine 04888

Dear Governor Brennan:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 1980 regarding the State's preparation of an emergency response plan for the Maine Yankee facility at Wiscasset. We appreciate your giving this matter your personal attention and thank you for providing an opportunity for members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's emergency planning staff to meet with your newly appointed Nuclear Safety Advisory Committee. This contact will be invaluable and will ensure a clear understanding of positions and problems. Mr. McKenna and another member of the Emergency Planning Program Office will plan to meet with your Advisory Committee this month as you requested. And, if possible, Mr. Brian Grimes, Director of Emergency Preparedness, will also be available. Mr. McKenna may be contacted at 301/492-7939 to make specific arrangements.

As you know, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for reviewing the emergency plans of State and local authorities in the environs of a nuclear power plant. Upon completion of its review of the emergency response plan for the Maine Yankee facility, FEMA will provide its findings on the adequacy of the plan to NRC. NRC will then make the final licensing decision as to the overall acceptability of emergency preparedness of the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant and the surrounding environs. FEMA, therefore, should also be consulted as part of the State's emergency planning process.

We will be pleased to provide any additional assistance you may require and look forward to our continued cooperation in this important issue.

Sincerely,

John F. Ahearne

cc: Mr. John W. Macy, Jr., Director  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

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