

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: August 5, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-119

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
Maine Yankee (DN 50-309)
Wiscasset, Maine

Subject: LOSS OF SITE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE

All long distance telephone service to and from the Maine Yankee site was lost at noon on August 4, 1980. Loss of normal service was due to a cable cut in the Falmouth, Maine area. The loss of service included the Health Physics Network, Emergency Notification System, and long distance commercial operations. The Resident Inspector verified Licensee State Police Radio and Micro Wave service availability to the state capitol. Normal service was restored at approximately 10:00 p.m. The Headquarters Duty Officer was informed at 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 1980 by the Resident Inspector using emergency priority lines authorized by telephone company supervisory personnel.

A press release is not planned by the licensee or the NRC. The State of Maine has been informed. NRC, Region I received notification of this occurrence from the Senior Resident Inspector at 8:30 a.m. on August 5, 1980.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

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