

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: September 30, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-140

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

Subject: POTENTIAL STRIKE OF OPERATORS AND TECHNICIANS

Negotiations between plant management and representatives of the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 497, have not produced a new contract or extension of the present contract. The current contract expires at midnight this evening. A strike, if it materializes, might take place as early as 7:00 a.m. on October 1, 1980, and would affect reactor operators, auxiliary operators, and instrumentation and control and health physics technicians. The licensee has prepared for such an occurrence. Two Resident Inspectors are maintaining contact with the licensee and will be on site should a strike occur.

Media interest is expected as a result of the recent Nuclear Power referendum. The State of Maine has been notified. A press release is not planned by the licensee or NRC.

NRC, Region I (Philadelphia), received notification of this situation by telephone from the Resident Inspector on September 30, 1980.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

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