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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Inspection and Enforcement Region I 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, PA 19406

Attention: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director

References: (a) License No. DPR-36 (Docket No. 50-309)

(b) IE Inspection Report No. 50-309/80-13, dated September 17, 1980

Dear Sir:

Subject: Response to Inspection Report No. 50-309/80-13

In reply to Reference (b), the following information is hereby submitted:

Item of Non-Compliance

10 CFR 71.5 prohibits delivery of licensed material to a carrier for transport unless the licensee complies with applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation in 49 CFR Parts 170-189.

49 CFR 173.392(c)(8) requires that the outside of low specific activity radioactive materials transported in a sole use vehic? must be stencilled or otherwise marked "Radioactive LSA".

Contrary to the above, on or about May 14, 1980, the licensee delivered a package of low specific activity (LSA) radioactive licensed material to a carrier for transport to the waste burial site on a tractor-trailer assigned for sole use and upon arrival at the burial site on May 16, 1980, the outside of the package (a Model CN5I-21-300-2 shipping cask) was not stercilled or otherwise marked "Radioactive-LSA" to identify the contents.

Response

Maine Yankee radioactive waste shipment records indicate that the package was properly labeled and placarded before leaving the plant site. The "Radioactive-LSA" labels may not have been properly adhered to the package to prevent inclement weather from removing them.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission October 9, 1980 Attention: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director Page 2 To prevent re-occurrence of the above item, the following changes will be made to the Radioactive Material Shipping procedure 9.1.15: A precautionary step will be added to the procedure addressing proper labeling and inclement weather conditions. . The radioactive waste checklist will be modified to address proper labeling. We trust this information is satisfactory. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us. Very truly yours, MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY Manager of Operations GC/kab