

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-309

Mr. Robert H. Groce
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Dear Mr. Groce:

This confirms our telephone Authorization given May 22, 1981, for a change in Technical Specifications for the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station as requested in your telecopy of May 22, 1981. Facility Operating License No. DPR-36 is amended on this date by making the following Technical Specification changes:

Add to paragraph 3.17.8.7b the following exception:

Exception: The requirements of Par 7b above shall not apply from May 22, 1981 until either completion of the LPSI check valve installation ordered April 20, 1981 or completion of operations involving irradiated fuel handling or handling of any object over irradiated fuel during the cycle 5/6 refueling, whichever is earlier. When refueling operations are conducted under this exception, the containment purge valves shall be tripable manually and automatically.

Copies of the license amendment, our evaluation and our Federal Register Notice for this technical specification change will be sent to you when completed.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Novak, Assistant Director for Operating Reactors

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