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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Mr. D. G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing

- References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Pocket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter, D. G. Eisenhut to All Licensees of Operating Plants and Applicants for Operating Licenses and Holders of Construction Permits, dated December 22, 1980
(c) Letter, D. G. Eisenhut to All Licensees and Holders of Construction Permits (Generic Letter 81-07) dated February 3, 1981
(d) USNRC Letter to MYAPC, dated March 13, 1981

Subject: Control of Heavy Loads

Dear Sir:

Your letter, Reference (b), requested a considerable amount of widely dispersed information be gathered by operating reactor licensees within a set of specified time schedules. Although Reference (c) was later issued in an attempt to correct errors in Reference (b), the omissions were not corrected until Reference (d) was received. The omissions of References (b) and (c) precluded Maine Yankee from initiating an investigation until receipt of a complete and applicable letter. Unfortunately your staff neglected to relax the original time schedule to compensate for the near three month delay caused by omissions in your original letter.

Upon receipt of Reference (d), Maine Yankee has begun an extensive investigation of the controls for handling heavy loads to determine the extent to which your guidelines are satisfied at our facility. The progress of this work has been reduced recently due to the current refueling outage activities and manpower requirements. We now find that we will not be capable of meeting the original submittal dates requested in Reference (b).

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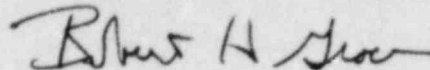
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For the reasons discussed above, Maine Yankee intends to defer the required submittal until September 15, 1981. We believe this delay is justified in light of the original delay encountered in receiving Reference (d), the work completed to date, and in consideration of the relative importance of this issue in comparison to other activities currently being performed by our staff.

Very truly yours,

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