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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station

Docket No. 50-309
License No. DPR-36

During an NRC special inspection conducted on November 24, 1989, the NRC reviewed the circumstances associated with an apparent violation of the NRC-approved Physical Security Plan which was identified by the licensee and reported to the NRC. Two violations were subsequently identified by the inspector, one involving failure by the Operations Department to properly control emergency spare security vital area keys and the other involving a failure of the Operations Department to inventory security keys in accordance with the NRC-approved Physical Security Plan. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions", 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, (Enforcement Policy) the violations are set forth below:

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10 CFR 73.21, Appendix G, I(3)(c), states, in part, that any failure, degradation, or the discovered vulnerability in a safeguard system that could allow unauthorized or undetected access to a protected area or vital area for which compensatory measures have not been employed are events to be reported to the NRC within one hour of discovery, followed by a written report within 30 days.

Contrary to the above, from approximately November 19, 1989 at 8:00 a.m. until November 21, 1989 at 1:00 p.m., the emergency spare security vital area keys, assigned to the Operations Department, could not be accounted for, the Security Shift Captain was not

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notified, therefore the proper compensatory measures were not taken, and the NRC was not notified of the event within one hour per the requirements of 10 CFR 73.71.

This is a Severity Level IV violation.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of the letter which transmitted this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.

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