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Docket No. 50-309

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
ATTN: Mr. J. B. Randazza
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Gentlemen:

Subject: 10 CFR 50.54(f) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-309/82-05, dated May 28, 1982, documented several findings indicative of weaknesses in the management control of design change and reporting activities at Maine Yankee. We discussed our concerns with you and members of your staff at the meetings held in the Region I office on June 2, 1982, and July 14, 1982. In your June 30, 1982 response and during discussions on July 14, 1982, actions taken or planned to upgrade control of design changes and reporting of events were described.

However, additional information is required to understand the scope of your proposed actions and to assess their effectiveness. Specific items to be addressed are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

We feel it may be necessary that planned programmatic improvements in management control of design change activities be implemented prior to performing these activities during the Fall, 1982 outage. Therefore, information requested herein should be sufficiently comprehensive to allow an assessment of the schedule for implementation of these planned improvements relative to design change activities scheduled during the outage.

In addition, Inspection Report 82-05 discussed a finding of a possible erroneous response on the part of Maine Yankee made in connection with the correction of a nonconforming condition which had been the subject of a previous NRC enforcement action. Maine Yankee's response of September 11, 1981 was based on information provided by a contractor but was not verified by Maine Yankee. This information, along with the supplementary information provided in the June 30, 1982 letter, was discussed in the July 14, 1982 meeting. NRC believes a weakness exists at Maine Yankee in the manner in which responses to NRC correspondence are prepared. Therefore, we have included in the enclosure a request regarding the methods used to prepare information provided to the NRC and the steps taken to assure such information is accurate and complete.

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Accordingly, in order to determine whether or not license DPR-36 should be modified or whether other enforcement action is appropriate you are requested to respond to this letter within thirty days, pursuant to Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.54(f). Your response should be submitted under oath or affirmation and should provide the information requested in the enclosure.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 PL 96-511.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Ronald C. Haynes
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Request for Additional Information

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Enclosure

Request For Additional Information

1. At the July 14, 1982 meeting, a list of changes made within the past year to improve control over the design change process at Maine Yankee was referred to. List and describe these specific changes, the dates these changes were implemented and the results achieved.
2. List and describe in detail further measures planned to upgrade control of the design change process. Provide planned implementation dates for these measures. Include in this list the planned changes for corporate and site organization and staffing.
3. List and describe in detail the training that has been or will be provided to site, corporate and contractor personnel to assure effective implementation of the upgraded design change control program.
4. Describe the policy of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company regarding the assurance of quality in the design, test, operation and maintenance of the Maine Yankee facility. In particular, describe the steps taken during each phase of a design change to assure that quality is "built-in" during installation rather than "inspected-in" after the installation has been completed. Describe the measures taken to assure that this policy has been communicated and implemented throughout the organization.
5. Describe the planned measures to ensure that past weaknesses in the design change program, such as those which have caused the problems identified in the SIAS change, the boron recovery alteration and the letdown valve control modification, have not resulted in a degradation of the overall safe design of the Maine Yankee facility. Provide the schedule for accomplishing these measures.
6. During the July 14, 1982 meeting a violation of NRC's event reporting requirements was discussed. This violation appears to be similar to a previous one with the result that prior corrective actions may not have been effective in preventing recurrence. Provide an assessment of why the corrective actions taken for the first violation may not have been effective. Describe the corporate policy regarding event reporting and detail the actions taken in response to the current violation to ensure that personnel adhere to NRC reporting requirements.
7. Describe the measures used to assure that responses to NRC are accurate and complete.