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References: (a) License No. DPR-36 (Docket No. 50-309)  
(b) USNRC Letter to MYAPCo dated June 21, 1990  
(c) USNRC Letter to MYAPCo dated February 22, 1990  
(d) MYAPCo Letter to USNRC dated March 23, 1990

Subject: NRC Performance Indicators for Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company  
Station in the First Quarter of 1990

Gentlemen:

Reference (b) forwarded the NRC's performance indicators for Maine Yankee for the first quarter of 1990. This report indicated one PI Event for 90-1 (50.72#:17557). The description of this event states that the plant performed a Technical Specification required shutdown when the component cooling system was declared inoperable. The valve that separates the safety related from the non-safety related portions of the system failed to meet its stroke time.

The valve identified in the report was SCC-A-460, the Secondary Component Cooling (SCC) supply isolation valve for non-safeguards loads. As discussed in References (c) and (d), further investigation of this problem identified that the suspect valve was operable and that the acceptance criteria was inappropriate.

Notwithstanding the above, this event was classified as a Safety System Failure (SSF). The detailed definition of this indicator states that if a system consists of multiple redundant subsystems or trains, failure of all trains constitutes a safety system failure. Failure of one of two or more trains is not counted as a safety system failure. Since this event only affected the Secondary Component Cooling System and the Primary Component Cooling System was still operable, only one of the two trains could be considered affected.

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In view of the above, we request the staff reconsider the classification of this problem as a Safety System Failure and not count it as a PI Event for 90-1.

Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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