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Docket No. 50-309

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Charles D. Frizzle
President
83 Edison Drive
Augusta, Maine 04336

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-309/90-18

This letter refers to the initial inspection of the Fitness-For-Duty (FFD) Program developed for and being implemented at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station. The inspection was conducted on August 21-23, 1990, by Messrs. R. Albert and A. Della Ratta of this office, and observed by Mr. E. King, also of this office.

Areas examined during the inspection are described in the inspection report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, we found that the development and implementation of your FFD program are very responsive to both the spirit and intent of the NRC FFD rule. You are commended for endorsing, in the letter which promulgated the Maine Yankee program to your employees, the new NRC regulations as a further enhancement to your commitment to a safe, reliable and efficient plant.

However, during the inspection, we reviewed an FFD related event which you properly reported to the NRC on August 17, 1990. Due to the potentially significant implication of that event, we have arranged with you an enforcement conference to be held at our office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, at 10:00 a.m. on October 18, 1990. At that meeting, you should be prepared to discuss the event, its causal factors, as well as the corrective measures that you have taken or plan to take to prevent recurrence.

Our decision concerning enforcement action for this matter will be communicated to you following the enforcement conference.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in NRC Public Document Room.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James H. Joyner

Malcolm R. Knapp, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-309/90-18

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