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Docket No. 50-309

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

Dear Mr. Frizzle:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 50-309/94-01

This transmits the results of the resident inspection activities performed between January 1 and February 5, 1994 by Messrs. J. Yerokun and W. Olsen at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant, Wiscasset, Maine. The inspection involved observations of plant activities and equipment, interviews, and document reviews. The findings were discussed with members of your staff during the inspection period and with Messrs. G. Leitch, R. Blackmore and others of your staff at the exit meeting held on February 8, 1994.

The plant was operated and maintained safely during this period. We observed good management involvement in plant activities and good performance in operations, maintenance and plant support. Your staff demonstrated good safety perspective in developing and implementing a temporary modification to improve the reliability of the safety related 4160 volts circuit breakers. However, Quality Department procedures apparently do not provide sufficient guidance on evaluating the safety significance of work when determining requirements for hold-points.

No response to this letter is necessary.

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
James C. Linville

James C. Linville, Chief  
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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-309/94-01

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