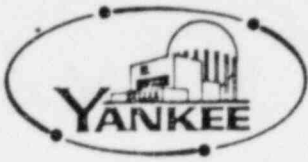


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Attention: Mr. B. H. Grier

Dear Mr. Grier:

Pursuant to the requirements of Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.4.a, the following is reported as Reportable Occurrence 50-29/78-31, Abnormal Degradation Discovered in Fuel Cladding.

In following through on the cause for Reportable Occurrence Numbers 77-55, 78-03, 78-19 and 78-23, Yankee-Rowe has completed sipping spent fuel from Core XIII and identified three suspect fuel assemblies. This event is reported in accordance with Technical Specification 6.9.4.a.(3).

A more detailed report will be submitted within two weeks.

Very truly yours,

Herbert A. Autio
Plant Superintendent

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cc: [2] Director, Office of Management Information & Program Control
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