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Docket No. 50-309

Mr. Charles D. Frizzle  
President  
Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company  
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Dear Mr. Frizzle:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-309/93-27

This letter refers to the announced safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. Bhatia and others of this office on November 30 through December 3, 1993, at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station, in Wiscasset, Maine. Mr. Bhatia discussed the results of this inspection with Messrs D. Whittier, G. Leitch, and other members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection. Subsequent to this inspection, on February 8, 1994, the inspector reviewed additional information provided by your staff to clarify additional concerns on the issues inspected. The conclusions of this review were discussed by Mr. R. Bhatia with Mr. J. Weast on March 1, 1994.

Areas examined during this inspection focused on activities important to the public health and safety, and was directed towards engineering activities with emphasis on technical support to the plant and resolutions of previously identified open issues. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures, plant design changes, representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this engineering inspection, we noted an improvement in engineering activities in areas of root cause analysis, design packages, attention to details, and work prioritization. The inspectors concluded that the overall engineering and technical support to the plant was of good quality to support plant operations. Your engineering training was considered to be a strength.

Two unresolved items were identified. The first item pertains to the work order process, and the second item involves the application of the like-in-kind replacement process. In addition, the corrective actions for five previously identified issues were found to be adequate and the items are closed. Three other unresolved items were not completely resolved and the items were updated accordingly.

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No response to this letter is required, and your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By:*

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Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-309/93-27

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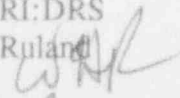
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