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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. 50-309/94-03

This transmits the results of the resident inspection activities performed between February 6 and March 12, 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 March 15, 1994.

Operations performance continues to be strong as evidenced by the prompt operator response to the steam generator blowdown tank rupture disk failure when a potential plant trip which would have resulted from the decreasing condenser vacuum was averted. Engineering department efforts to address the low service water pump flow and high steam generator blowdown flow concerns have been good.

We noted an instance of failure to adhere to the maintenance work order processing procedure when a maintenance personnel adjusted the packing on a High Pressure Safety Injection (HPSI) valve without a work order. In accordance with 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, this violation is not being cited because the safety significance was minimal since the ability of the valve to operate as designed was not affected and you promptly identified and corrected the situation.

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.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-309/94-03

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