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Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Charles D. Frizzle
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Gentlemen:

I would like to commend your plant staff for their professional actions prior to and during the plant shutdown on December 17, 1990, which resulted from tube leakage in the No. 1 Steam Generator.

The timely and conservative actions taken by your staff with respect to this issue contributed to minimizing the extent of the leak and its potential consequences. Notably, the vigilance of your Chemistry staff in providing early indication of the evolving tube leak, and the decision by the Operations staff to initiate a plant shutdown before Technical Specification limits were approached are evidence of sound actions to protect public health and safety.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:
Thomas T. Martin

Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

cc:

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- C. Marschall, SR!
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