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Date: November 22, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-82-73a (Update)

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region I staff on this date.

Facility: Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Station
(DN 50-309)
Wiscasset, Maine

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
X ____ Not Applicable

Subject: UPDATE REGARDING NOVEMBER 18, 1982 TAMPERING EVENT

The Unusual Event declared at 2:30 p.m. November 18, 1982 was terminated at 4:31 p.m.

Investigations by the licensee and by the NRC Office of Investigation, Region I (OI:RI) indicated that the tampering with the oil reservoir for the No. 1 Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP) motor was intentional. The time period for the tampering has been narrowed to probably after the evening of November 15. Additionally, debris similar to that recovered from the oil reservoir was found in containment where pipefitting operations had taken place during the current outage.

NRC Region I issued Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) 82-27 on November 19, which confirmed the licensee's commitments to: verify the operability of safety-related equipment required while in the refueling and operations modes; to visually examine safety-related equipment which was opened or in which work was performed since November 13; and to increase the surveillance of plant areas in which safety-related equipment is located. No further indication of tampering has been found as of the time of this notification.

Licensee and NRC investigations continue. The NRC Senior Resident Inspector has monitored and confirmed the licensee's actions taken to date. Startup is currently projected for the end of this week.

The State of Maine has been informed of this update. The licensee issued a press release on November 18. The NRC did not but has responded to inquiries.

NRC Region I (Philadelphia) obtained the information for this update from the licensee, the NRC Senior Resident Inspector and the Director OI:RI on November 19-22, 1982.

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