



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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June 17, 1994

Docket No. 50-309

Mr. Charles D. Frizzle, President
Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
83 Edison Drive
Augusta, Maine 04336

Dear Mr. Frizzle:

SUBJECT: MAINE YANKEE INSERVICE TEST PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD INSPECTION
INTERVAL RELIEF REQUESTS (TAC NO. M85887)

This is in response to your letter dated February 2, 1993, which submitted both your Inservice Inspection (ISI) and Inservice Testing (IST) programs for the third 10-year inspection intervals, and your supplemental letter dated May 25, 1994. Although the ISI and IST intervals run concurrently (beginning on December 28, 1992 and ending on December 27, 2002), this letter addresses only your IST program.

The NRC staff, with technical assistance from Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL), has reviewed your IST program submittal, including the accompanying requests for relief. As reflected in the enclosed safety evaluation (SE), the staff adopts the evaluations and recommendations for granting relief or authorizing alternatives contained in the INEL technical evaluation report (TER), which is attached thereto. Relief is granted from, or alternatives are authorized for, the testing requirements that have been determined to be impractical to perform, or where compliance would result in a hardship without a compensating increase in safety.

Section 5 of your submittal discusses inservice testing of snubbers. Because there were no requests for relief associated with snubber testing, no evaluation on this subject is included in either the SE or TER. Maine Yankee should continue to test snubbers in accordance with Technical Specification 4.9, Shock Suppressor (Snubber) Surveillance Testing. As requested by your supplemental letter dated May 25, 1994, for clarity and consistency, the term "safety class," as used in Section 5.1 of your IST Snubber Program, is changed to "safety-related," and the representative sample described in sections 5.2.2 and 5.2.3.b is henceforth based on the total number of applicable snubbers, vice previously untested snubbers.

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This concludes the staff's efforts on the Maine Yankee IST program for the third 10-year inspection interval. Staff review of your corresponding ISI relief requests continues and you will be kept advised of our activities in that matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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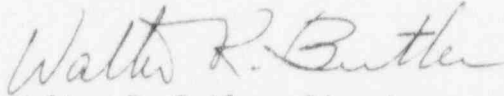
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