

January 18, 1995

Mr. Charles D. Frizzle
President
Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
329 Bath Road
Brunswick, Maine 04011

SUBJECT: SERVICE WATER SELF-ASSESSMENT INSPECTION 94-20

Dear Mr. Frizzle:

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. H. Gregg of this office during the period of September 19 - 27, 1994, at the Maine Yankee Atomic Station. Our inspection was focused upon issues important to public health and safety, specifically your Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI) team's self-assessment of the Maine Yankee service water and component cooling water systems. The NRC's oversight included field walkdowns, observation of in-process testing and maintenance, discussions with team members, and attendance at team briefings. Our preliminary conclusions were discussed with members of your staff at the conclusion of your self-assessment on October 6, 1994, and at a meeting held on December 21, 1994.

We found your team to display probing attitudes, objectivity and independence were maintained, and management oversight was evident. The SWSOPI team concluded that the service water and component cooling water systems met their thermal hydraulic performance requirements. Based on: (1) our oversight of your self-assessment, (2) your presentation on December 21, 1994, and (3) our review of the final SWSOPI report, we have concluded that the self-assessment met the objectives of NRC Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/118, "Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI)."

Further, the tasking of assignments and tracking of the SWSOPI recommendations for corrective action are considered to be appropriate. We encourage your efforts to strengthen the administrative controls for the Maine Yankee Generic Letter 89-13 Program and the implementation of recommendations associated with heat exchanger monitoring to better assure adequate flow and verify fouling factors.

No reply to this letter is requested, and your cooperation with us was appreciated.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
James T. Wiggins
Director, DRS.

James T. Wiggins, Director
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