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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: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-309/92-02)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. Furia of this office on March 30 - April 3, 1992, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-36, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. J. Furia with Mr. R. Blackmore and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are important to public health and safety, and included the radiological controls program as described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

In general, the radiation protection program during the 1992 refueling outage has significantly improved over previous refueling outages, both in plant housekeeping and maintaining radiation doses As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA). However, based upon the results of this inspection, certain of your activities have been identified as not being in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the enclosed Notice of Violation. These activities included three examples of failure to follow plant procedures, which have been aggregated into one violation. While none of the examples represented significant safety weaknesses, we are concerned with the poor worker practices identified in two of the examples, involving improper frisking and reaching out of a contaminated area boundary. This is of concern to us because it may be indicative of a work force that does not have an appropriate understanding of the potential hazards associated with working around radioactive materials, which could lead to more safety significant problems in the future.

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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief  
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-309/92-02

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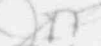
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