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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company, Hartford Connecticut
Docket No. 50-213

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) will be issued on or about December 10, 1986 to Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company. This action is based on several violations of significant concern to the NRC because they involved performance deficiencies and inattention to detail at several levels within the organization. For example, an individual received an overexposure while performing work on the steam generator without having read or initialled the associated Radiation Work Permit as required. While performing this work, which included four half-body entries into the generator channel head, where radiation levels were between 20 and 30 R/hr, Senior Health Physics (HP) technicians failed to provide adequate control and direct surveillance of work activities. Further, site management apparently did not adequately verify the qualifications of this HP technician and other HP technicians to assure that they understood their duties, including expected techniques for control of work activities and calculation of stay times in radiation fields with high gradients, nor did site management provide sufficient periodic surveillance of technician activities to verify proper performance or to identify and correct performance deficiencies.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	December 10, 1986
Telephone Notification of Licensee	December 10, 1986

A news release has been prepared and will be issued after the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Connecticut will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalties may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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