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Subject: Maine Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)
NRC License No. DPR-36 (NRC Docket No. 50-309) 72-1015
Maine Yankee's Request for Exemption from Certain Requirements of 10 CFR 72.212 and
10 CFR 72.214 for Maine Yankee's ISFSI

Dear NRC staff:

As per a letter dated January 21, 2019, Maine Yankee requested an exemption from the NRC to its Amendment No. 5 Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1015 for its 60 NAC-UMS canisters to adopt a recently issued NRC Amendment No. 6 to the CoC No. 1015 for the NAC-UMS System. However, the request is predicated on the NRC maintaining Maine Yankee's four previously approved exemptions to its Amendment No. 5 CoC No. 1015.

According to the Federal Register Notice, Volume 83, No. 204, Amendment 6 revises the CoC's Technical Specifications by eliminating a redundant requirement for an inspection of the concrete cask and canister, clarifying that the Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) is for an inoperable concrete heat removal system, removing an inspection requirement that is already covered under a surveillance requirement, explaining that immediate restoration of a concrete cask's heat removal capabilities means within 24 hours or less, and the surface dose rate limits apply only to a loaded cask prior to being stored on the ISFSI pad.

After reviewing each of the changes and noting that there were no increased radiological consequences or risks in public health and safety above and beyond what has already been analyzed and approved, the State has no objections to the exemption request as it sees Maine Yankee's request as an administrative change to maintain consistency with the canister manufacturer's Certificate of Compliance. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-287-6721 or via e-mail at pat.dostie@maine.gov.

Respectfully Yours,


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