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Docket No. 50-29

Yankee Atomic Electric Company  
ATTN: Mr. L. H. Heider  
Vice President Of Operations  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-29/85-07

This transmits the March 21 - April 26, 1985, resident inspection findings by Mr. H. Eichenholz at the Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Rowe, Massachusetts. Those findings were based on observation of activities, interviews, independent measurements, and document review, and have been discussed with Mr. N. St. Laurent of your staff.

Based upon the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities concerning periodic surveillance of meteorological instrumentation (Enclosure 2, Section 6) was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In addition, this report includes observations of licensee performance in response to occurrences involving operation of the Public Notification System, an incomplete safety evaluation for a plant modification, continued implementation of a plant housekeeping and appearance improvement program, and failure analysis review due to repeated corrective maintenance on charging pumps. These observations may be used in the future to highlight possible trends in licensee performance as part of the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) process.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely, *Original Signed By!*

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Report Number 50-29/85-07

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