

August 3, 1996

Chairwoman Shirley Ann Jackson
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

RE: **MAINE YANKEE**

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Regarding the Independent Safety Assessment Team's July 30, 1996 determination that three of Maine Yankee's instrumentation loops might not meet environmental qualification requirements, it is our understanding that Maine Yankee will be required to perform an Operability Determination in accordance with NRC Generic Letter #91-18 before returning to power.

Specifically, will the NRC assure the public that a written Justification for Continued Operation (JCO), as cited in Generic Letter #91-18, along with a formal engineering analysis will be filed before Maine Yankee receives NRC approval to restart?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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