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Docket No. 50-29

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. L. H. Heider
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-29/86-03

This transmits the inspection findings by Mr. N. Dudley of this office at the Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Rowe, Massachusetts the week of January 13, 1986. These findings were based on review of the licensed operator training program, and interviews with facility staff, and have been discussed with Mr. N. St. Laurent of your staff.

This inspection found that deficiencies exist in your training program which may have contributed to the recent failure of Yankee operator licensing candidates. Inspection results indicate that there are weaknesses in two general areas which are discussed in detail in the attached report. First, the body of knowledge for which licensing candidates are responsible is not well defined. Secondly, there appears to have been a lack of adequate feedback during various phases of candidate preparation to correct individual weaknesses. Although these findings do not constitute violations, they are indicative of training program weaknesses which warrant your prompt attention.

As agreed during our telephone conversation of February 25, 1986 you and the Yankee staff will meet with us in Region I at 9:30 am on March 7, 1986. Both the enclosed report and the results of the recent operator licensing examinations are agenda topics. Please be prepared to discuss our perceived program weaknesses particularly as they relate to the recent performance of your licensing candidates.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely

Original Signed By:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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