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Docket Nos. 50-109,
50-271, and 50-29

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Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter dated February 11, 1974, which raises the question of permissible deviation from minimum frequencies for instrumentation tests and calibrations and other surveillance activities required in the Technical Specifications for the Maine Yankee, Yankee Rowe, and Vermont Yankee plants.

You indicated that while for Maine Yankee a +25% deviation is stated, the permissible deviation in the surveillance intervals for Yankee Rowe and Vermont Yankee would be as interpreted by the inspector from the regional office of the Directorate of Regulatory Operations.

The following clarifying definition, as requested by you, shall be applied for uniform interpretation of the allowable deviation from any surveillance frequency included in the Maine Yankee, Yankee Rowe, and Vermont Yankee Technical Specifications.

Surveillance Frequency - Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, periodic surveillance tests, checks, calibrations, and examinations shall be performed within the specified surveillance intervals. These intervals may be adjusted plus or minus 25%. The operating cycle interval as pertaining to instrument and electrical surveillance

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Sincerely,

Original signed by
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