

November 3, 2000

Mr. Mark Bremer
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Subject: CONCERN YOU RAISED TO THE NRC REGARDING POTENTIAL
DISTRACTION OF STAFF DURING CONDUCT OF WORK AT MILLSTONE

Dear Mr. Bremer:

This letter refers to the concerns that you expressed to Ms. Beth Siemel, the NRC resident inspector at Millstone Unit 3, on October 6, 2000, related to the Millstone reactor facility. You informed us that you were concerned for the safety of the public due to potential distraction of first line supervision and maintenance technicians during the conduct of their work on safety related equipment. You cited the ongoing job selection and reorganization at the Millstone station as the reason for your concern, indicating that you believe the selection process is very subjective. Also, you stated that you had informed the Millstone Employee Concerns Program (ECP) about this concern and were disappointed with their lack of immediate action. Further, you stated that you knew that your immediate management was aware of your having raised this concern to both the ECP and the NRC.

Based on the information you provided, we note that you have not provided specific indication of work that has been conducted improperly, but that you believe that such might occur because of the above noted concern. We have reviewed your concern and concluded that the activity in question is not an NRC regulated activity. The NRC acknowledges that there are many factors that can effect the work environment at a nuclear power facility, including factors which are not under NRC's regulatory purview. However, the NRC cannot attempt to make adjustments to the work environment by imposing changes on company business/personnel policies. We can only monitor the work environment at a facility by observing work, interviewing personnel, and reviewing documentation related to activities under our jurisdiction. Accordingly, the NRC plans no additional follow up of this issue at this time.

Thank you for providing this information to the NRC. Should you have any additional questions, or if the NRC can be of further assistance in this matter, please call me at 610-337-5129.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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