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Re: **Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.**
Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3
Docket No. 50-423-LA-3

Administrative Judges:

The purpose of this letter is to keep the Licensing Board apprised of the status of the ongoing investigation by the Millstone Unit 1 Fuel Rod Accountability Project ("FRAP") regarding two unaccounted for fuel rods.

The FRAP is continuing physical inspections of the Unit 1 spent fuel pool, record reviews, and interviews to assess plausible scenarios for disposition of the fuel rods. Given the scope of effort remaining for the ongoing FRAP investigation, the FRAP did not issue a report on June 30, 2001, the original target date. (As acknowledged by the Licensing Board in its June 21, 2001 Memorandum and Order, that target date was always expected by the FRAP to present a significant challenge.) The FRAP now expects to complete the investigation and a final report in late September. An evaluation of the root cause will be completed either in the same time frame or shortly thereafter.

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We will keep the Licensing Board apprised of the status of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Repka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David A. Repka
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