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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1484.

Sincerely,

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.

MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1, 2, AND 3

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letters dated July 1 and July 31, 2002, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC) submitted Revision 24 of the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Topical Report and a request for approval to change the frequency of review of the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) by the Independent Review Team. After assuming ownership of Millstone Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, DNC modified the QAP Topical Report incorporating the revised organization with the current titles of its key management personnel and their responsibilities to be consistent within the Dominion Nuclear Business Unit, and also proposed to reduce the commitments associated with the frequency at which the independent review team conducts Management Quality Assurance Review audits. DNC proposed to reduce the frequency of the quality assurance audit from annual to biennial in accordance with ANSI N18.7-1972, "Administrative Controls and Quality Assurance for the Operational Phase of Nuclear Power Plants."

2.0 EVALUATION

The current requirement in Section 2.1 of the QAP states "Periodic program review of the status and adequacy of this QAP is accomplished by Nuclear Oversight audits, surveillances and inspections, by Nuclear Safety Assessment Board reviews and by the independent review team which performs the annual Management Quality Assurance Review." DNC requests the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to approve extending the frequency of audits from annual to biennial. Conduct of biennial audits meets the provisions of ANSI N18.7-1972 as endorsed by Regulatory Guide 1.33. The Senior Vice President (SVP) - Nuclear Operations and Chief Nuclear Officer - DNC, is responsible for the assessment of the scope, status, implementation, and effectiveness of the QAP. The review is a systematic evaluation, pre-planned toward the objective of determining the adequacy of the QAP and its compliance with Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50 and other regulatory requirements, and is capable of identifying, communicating, and tracking any required corrective action. The SVP delegated the authority to the Manager - Nuclear Oversight to perform the biennial review.

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3.0 CONCLUSION

The conduct of biennial Management Quality Assurance audits instead of annual audits satisfies the provisions of ANSI N18.7-1972 as endorsed by Regulatory Guide 1.33. Therefore, the staff finds the proposed revisions to the QAP Topical Report acceptable.

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