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Mr. Richard Emch, Jr.
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 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington DC 20555

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Dear Mr. Emch:

North Fork Environmental Council (NFEC) is a grassroots advocacy group established in 1972. We are located in Mattituck, New York and represent over 1500 members in the Townships of Riverhead, Southold and Shelter Island.

On behalf of NFEC, I am writing to strongly oppose the relicensure of the Millstone Nuclear Reactors and to express my grave concerns about their continued operation. The Millstone reactors are located in Waterford, Connecticut and although the facility is located only 11 miles from the Town of Southold, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission continues to ignore the safety and environmental concerns held by the residents of the North Fork when considering the continued operations of these aging reactors.

If the NRC is not prepared to deny the request of Dominion to renew the operating license for the Millstone reactors, we request, at the very least, that the NRC hold an additional public hearing on Long Island. The actions of the NRC in this licensing renewal process will affect residents of the North Fork and it is morally reprehensible to deny our voice in the process. The January hearing held in Ct. was poorly noticed. Although the hearing may have met the legal requirements for notification, very few stakeholders on the North Fork were aware of the hearing, or for that matter, the entire scoping process. We certainly were not given ample time to fully read, consider and prepare thoughtful comments on the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants or the 449 page draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) which examines the renewal of the Millstone licenses specifically.

Residents, civic and environmental groups have joined many elected officials from the East End and across Long Island and called for the extension of the emergency planning zone from the current 10-miles radius to a 50 miles mile radius. By doing so, emergency planning for the North Fork would be required.

Because the North Fork is essentially a peninsula, surrounded by water on three sides, we have only one direction to evacuate west. Residents in Orient only have one Road heading west until Greenport. There are only two roads from Greenport to Mattituck, three from Mattituck to Riverhead. In the event of an emergency, evacuation of the 20,000 year round North Fork residents, or 30,000 summer residents would be virtually impossible not to mention the hundreds of thousands of Long Island residents to the west. Because evacuation of Long Island is impossible, the Shoreham Nuclear Plant was shut down. Many of us live closer to Millstone than to

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It is common knowledge that nuclear power plants and the adjacent spent fuel pools are vulnerable to terrorist attack. In addition to living in close proximity to Millstone, North Fork residents live very close to other potential terrorist targets including the Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC). If there were an incident at the Millstone Facility, there are no emergency plans in place for PIADC. The NRC would be negligent if these facts were not considered in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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