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Mr. Joseph Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Recent events in the area of nuclear generation have created concern for the safe operation of nuclear power plants in Connecticut.

There are currently three operational units in our state, two of which are down at this time for refueling. These particular units are Millstone I and Millstone II. Millstone I is of a similar type to those at Three Mile Island and Oyster Creek.

Before these plants are allowed to go back on line, I am requesting your full assurance, as Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, that these units will be operating as safely as possible. Specifically, I am requesting

***Assurances that actions to be taken by licensees under order of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Information and Enforcement Bulletin 79-02, 79-06A, 79-06B and 79-08 have been fully implemented by the licensee of the two plants in question;

***Information concerning other directives or recommendations from the NRC, or from the reactor and equipment manufacturers, regarding the safe operation of these units; in addition, your opinion as to whether these directives or recommendations have been followed;

***Knowledge of other actions the Nuclear Regulatory Commission anticipates taking concerning nuclear plant operations, equipment and training programs as a result of the Three Mile Island accident and other nuclear incidents;

***Knowledge of any problems we may anticipate with our nuclear power plants in the near and long-term future.

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I believe it is most important to be candid and open with regard to the development of nuclear power in this country. I do not wish to give our citizens the impression that problems do not exist with nuclear power if indeed they do.

I am specifically asking for your written reply to the issues I have raised, before the Millstone I and Millstone II units go back on line. At the same time, similar assurances concerning the Connecticut Yankee unit and safety concerns involved in the current construction of Millstone III would be most helpful and appreciated.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

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