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Mr. Boyce H. Grier  
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
631 Park Avenue  
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Reference: Provisional License DPR-21  
Docket No. 50-245  
Reportable Occurrence RO-79-27/3L

Dear Mr. Grier:

This letter forwards the Licensee Event Report for Reportable Occurrence RO-79-27/3L required to be submitted within 30 days pursuant to the requirements of the Millstone Unit 1 Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.1.9.c. An additional three copies of the report are enclosed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Opeka'.

J. F. Opeka  
Station Superintendent  
Millstone Nuclear Power Station

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Attachment: (LER RO-79-27/3L)

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ATTACHMENT TO LER 79-27/3L  
NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY  
MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - UNIT 1  
PROVISIONAL LICENSE NUMBER - DPR-21  
DOCKET NUMBER 50-245

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE

An observed inadequacy in the implementation of procedural controls which threatened to cause a reduction in the degree of protection provided by the cable vault fire detection system.

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE

The unit was operating at steady state full power.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

On August 27, 1979, at 0900 hours, it was discovered that the semiannual functional test of the cable vault smoke detection system had been inadvertently overlooked.

APPARENT CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE

The subject surveillance was inadvertently overlooked because it was not listed on the vendor's computer schedule or the unit's surveillance schedule.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE

The functional test of the smoke detection system is intended to demonstrate system operability. The operability of the detection instrumentation ensures that adequate warning capability is available for prompt detection of fires. This prompt detection of fires will reduce the potential for damage to safety-related equipment.

Since the subject surveillance was successfully completed the day following the identification of the oversight, it can be concluded that no reduction in the degree of protection provided by the cable vault fire detection system occurred.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

As mentioned above, the surveillance was successfully completed upon discovery of the oversight.

Additionally, the surveillance has been added to the vendor's schedule and to our own surveillance schedule.