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Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
ATTN: Mr. Edward J. Mroczka
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Millstone 3 Routine Inspection 50-423/89-14

This refers to the routine resident safety inspection conducted from July 18 through August 28, 1989 at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3. The results of the inspection are described in the NRC Region I inspection report enclosed with this letter and were discussed with Mr. C. H. Clement of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

As specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Appendix A), certain activities apparently were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. This violation involved failure to report to the NRC an event which rendered inoperable a system designed to control the release of radioactive material. A response to this violation is required and should address the items listed in Appendix A.

Also, as described in the enclosed inspection report, we note that a steam generator blowdown radiation monitor, which is required by the technical specifications to be operable, has been out of service for 3.5 years, which we consider an excessive length of time. We request that you provide to us, within thirty days of the receipt of this letter, a written response that describes the reasons for failure to repair the monitor in a timely manner, and outline to us a plan for restoring the monitor to service.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
EDWARD C. WENZINGER

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-423/89-14

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