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SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST FOR VALVE INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM - MILLSTONE
UNIT 3 (TAC NO. M95353)

Dear Mr. Kenyon:

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The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

Sincerely,
Original signed by:

Vernon L. Rooney, Senior Project Manager
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