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Docket Nos. 50-213, 50-245, -336, -423

Mr. John Opeka
Executive Vice President - Nuclear
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Dear Mr. Opeka:

On December 29, 1993, your Nuclear Safety Concerns Program (NSCP) staff provided a concern to this Office which was recently given to the NSCP anonymously. The concern involved the training and qualification of contractor maintenance mechanics at Millstone Station. The concern was promptly provided to this Office to alert us to this matter; we appreciate your promptness in providing this concern. Additional information regarding this concern was provided in a letter summarizing and referring these concerns to this Office on January 10, 1994; a summary of the key points raised in that letter are attached for your information. Furthermore, on January 22, 1994, a follow-on letter was provided by the concernee(s) to the Nuclear Safety Concerns Program (NSCP) which provided additional details regarding this matter, including criticism of your corrective actions in this matter; a copy of that letter was provided to the NRC by your staff.

On January 7, 1994, Mr. Richard Barkley of my staff discussed your planned and ongoing actions in response to this concern with Messrs. Scace, Brown, Chatfield, Strickland and others of your staff. At that time, it appeared that your actions in response to this matter were extensive and timely and included: 1) reemphasizing to department heads the need for properly qualifying all senior maintenance mechanics, 2) planned presentations in each of the maintenance shops regarding the training program for maintenance mechanics, 3) an article in the site-wide "To The Point" publication on this issue, and 4) reconfirmation of the qualifications of senior maintenance mechanics for the Unit 1 outage, including contractor employees and those on the IMF. However, several of these actions are still pending and the findings of your review of the specific issues are preliminary. Based on the current Unit 1 outage and the large contingent of contractor maintenance personnel you are bringing aboard to support it, we are particularly concerned with your response to this matter.

We request that the results of your review and actions in response to this matter be provided in writing to Region I within 30 days of the date of this letter. Your response need only provide a summary of your findings and response to this concern. Other supporting documentation should be available for review at your facility at a later time

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should the NRC elect to review specific aspects of this matter in detail. In addition, if you have indications that there exist significant training program deficiencies with this or other NU contractors that are potentially generic, please highlight this matter in your response.

We request that your response contain no personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so it can be released to the public and placed in the NRC Public Document Room. If necessary, such information shall be contained in a separate attachment, appropriately marked, which will be withheld from public disclosure. The affidavit required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) must accompany your response.

The enclosure to this letter should be controlled and distribution limited to personnel with a "need to know." The enclosure to this letter is considered Exempt from Public Disclosure in accordance with Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2.790(a). However, a copy of this letter, excluding the enclosure, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Based on your findings and response in this matter, we will determine the appropriate level of immediate and long-term NRC followup warranted in this matter. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Larry Doerflein or Richard Barkley of my staff. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Cooper, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Attachment: Additional Details Regarding Maintenance Mechanic Training and Qualification
(10 CFR 2.790(a) Information)

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Larry Chatfield, NSCP Director

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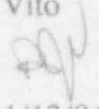
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
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