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Mr. James L. Milhoan
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Dear Mr. Milhoan:

This letter is in response to your telephone call concerning INPO evaluation reports. INPO operating plant evaluation reports are copyrighted, restricted distribution reports. INPO maintains evaluation reports as private between INPO and its member utilities. Evaluation reports are provided only to the member utility operating the nuclear plant that was evaluated.

In late 1993, a number of operating plant evaluation reports were surreptitiously obtained and released publicly by Public Citizen as a part of a report that criticized the differences in NRC SALP reports and INPO plant evaluation reports. We understand NRC has been requested by two U. S. Senators to explain the differences in SALP and INPO reports for nuclear plants in the respective senators' states.

INPO recognizes that for NRC to fully respond to these two requests, the NRC may need to reference and paraphrase from the INPO plant evaluation reports. The two evaluation reports involved are the October 1992 Millstone Operating Plant Evaluation Report and the January 1993 Davis Besse Operating Plant Evaluation Report. Therefore, INPO releases its copyright on these two reports for the purpose of NRC's response to the Senators, and authorizes the NRC to reference and paraphrase from these two specific reports in this specific instance.

Sincerely,

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