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Mr. John F. Opeka
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Dear Mr. Opeka:

Subject: NRC Combined Inspection Nos. 50-245/94-06; 50-336/94-05; 50-423/94-05

An announced radiological controls inspection was conducted during the period January 24-28, 1994, by Mr. R. L. Nimitz at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station Units 1, 2, and 3. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Messrs. H. Haynes and F. Dacimo and others at the conclusion of the inspection on January 28, 1994.

Areas reviewed during the inspection are important to health and safety and are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. The areas reviewed included previous findings, program changes, organization and staffing, training and qualifications, efforts to maintain radiation exposures as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA), external and internal exposure controls, and radioactive material and contamination controls. The inspector also selectively reviewed the implementation of the revised 10 CFR Part 20. The inspection principally focused on the adequacy and implementation of radiological controls for the Unit 1 refueling outage and condenser retubing at Millstone Unit 1. However, activities at Units 2 and 3 were also reviewed.

The inspection revealed that, overall, very good radiological controls were implemented for the Unit 1 outage and the work activities reviewed at Units 2 and 3. Areas that were particularly noteworthy included the results of your efforts to implement the revised 10 CFR Part 20, the planning and coordination of work activities for the Unit 1 outage, radiological controls for Unit 1 condenser retube project, the general material condition of the station, control of radioactive and contaminated material, and routine radiological controls provided at Unit 2 and 3. The inspection findings indicated that station efforts in the ALARA area continue to be very good. Your efforts to establish and implement a radiation protection manual and associated procedures were considered an excellent initiative.

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A weakness in use and control of respiratory protection equipment was identified. Specifically, the respiratory protection program did not include sufficient controls to ensure that the applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 20, Subpart H, were implemented when using contractor provided respiratory protective equipment (e.g., sand blasting hoods). Your staff took immediate action to review this matter to ensure that the requirements of Subpart H (as appropriate) were implemented.

No violations were identified and no response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-245/94-06;
50-336/94-05; 50-423/94-05

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