Docket No. 50-245

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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Region I Inspection No. 50-245/90-17

This letter transmits the results of the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. D. Dempsey of this office on August 7 through September 17, 1990, at Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, Waterford, Connecticut, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-21. Our findings were discussed by Mr. Dempsey with Mr. H. Haynes and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection are described in the NRC Region I inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of observation of activities, interviews with personnel, and document reviews.

The enclosed inspection report describes plant activities following a reactor scram and inoperable low pressure coolant injection (LPCI) and containment cooling systems due to problems with LPCI heat exchangers. Our reviews noted good operator actions in response to the scram, and conservative decisions by plant managment with a good regard for plant safety once the LPCI deficiency was identified. The plant operations review committee and the nuclear review board also demonstrated a good regard for conservative plant operations in their deliberations regarding the scram and LPCI events.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-245/90-17

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