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Dear Mr. Mroccka:

SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST FROM ASME CODE SECTION XI REQUIREMENTS -  
MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. 77818)

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request, dated October 2, 1990, for relief from the ASME Code requirements as they pertain to the 1980 Edition, including the Winter 1980 Addenda of Section XI Code Categories B-P and C-H, "Class 1 and 2 10-year Required Hydrostatic Pressure Tests." You specifically requested relief from performing a Category B-P and C-H system hydrostatic pressure test (IWB-5222 and IWC-5222) on Class 1 and 2 pressure retaining components once every 10-year interval. As an alternative to this test, you proposed to perform a system leakage test every refueling outage at nominal operating pressure with an additional test requirement to hold the test pressure for 4 hours prior to and during the VT-2 visual examination. You noted that the basis for your relief request was a Code Case currently under development by ASME Subcommittee XI.

It is the NRC's position not to grant relief to a specific nuclear power plant from the ASME Code based upon a possible change to the Code. This change to the ASME Code, when written in its final form and approved by ASME, will be evaluated and approved or denied on a generic basis by the NRC. Therefore, this specific request for relief from the testing requirements of the ASME Code is denied.

Sincerely,

/s/

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