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Docket No. 50-245
LS05-82-10-068

Mr. W. G. Council, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Council:

SUBJECT: SEP TOPIC VI-6, CONTAINMENT LEAK TESTING
MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT NO. 1

As you know, the staff is reviewing containment leak testing for all operating reactors for compliance with 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix J as multi-plant action item A-04. By letter dated May 7, 1981, you were advised that the SEP Topic VI-6, Containment Leak Testing, evaluation criteria are encompassed by the A-04 generic reviews, such that a separate SEP review would not be performed.

We had intended to consider any plant modifications necessary as a result of the A-04 generic review during the integrated assessment for your facility in order to assure that backfitting decisions would be made on a consistent basis with other modifications which may be required for other SEP issues. However, based on your letter dated February 26, 1981 and earlier submittals in which you requested certain exemptions from the provisions of 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, it appears that the A-04 generic review will not be completed before the integrated assessment for your facility. Those aspects of the implementation of A-04 that are known prior to the completion of the integrated assessment will be considered to the extent practicable. Nevertheless, the A-04 review will be conducted independent of SEP. SEP Topic VI-6, Containment Leak Testing, is therefore, considered complete for the purpose of conducting the integrated assessment.

Sincerely,

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