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Docket Nos. 50-245
50-336
50-423

Mr. John F. Opeka
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Dear Mr. Opeka:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-245/94-22, 50-336/94-20, AND 50-423/94-20

This refers to the safety inspection conducted by Mr. S. Hansell of this office from May 16 through May 20, 1994, at Millstone Station in Waterford, Connecticut. The inspection focused on performance observation of the Unit 1 plant startup and activities related to the Units 1, 2, & 3 licensed operator training programs. The preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. M. Brown and other members of your staff.

Overall, the Unit 1 startup was well controlled by the plant operators with frequent exchanges of information prior to and during each major evolution. The operating crew's response to a main turbine high vibration condition was particularly noteworthy. The inspector judged the operators' actions to be examples of the benefits from improved training and performance standards.

The inspector concluded that the technical specification (TS) operability test for the suppression chamber to drywell vacuum breakers, required after heat addition to the torus, was overlooked after the safety relief valve (SRV) testing and that this represented a violation. The SRV surveillance test procedure did not reference the need to perform the vacuum breaker TS operability test. This activity was in violation of NRC requirements, as

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specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and has been categorized as a Severity Level IV violation. You are required to respond to this letter and, in preparing that response, should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
GLEN W. MEYER

Glenn W. Meyer, Chief
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Enclosure: Inspection Report Nos. 50-245/94-22,
50-336/94-20, and 50-423/94-20

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