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July 8, 1994

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Mr. John F. Opeka
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Dear Mr. Opeka:

Thank you for your letter dated May 9, 1994, concerning this year's Regulatory Information Conference. In your letter you raised three specific points which I would like to address.

Regarding allegations, your understanding of the NRC's meaning of "substantiated" is correct. The statement that an allegation is substantiated means the allegation is factually correct (may or may not have significant safety concern). In your letter you state that this may convey a misleading impression to the public as to the allegation's nuclear safety significance. Additionally, you state that it would be more accurate, and perhaps more informative to the public, if the term "substantiated" were refined to distinguish those allegations that are factually correct, but without significance, from those that indeed have an important bearing on nuclear safety. Your comment is appropriate and the addition of other categories are being considered for future allegation data. Also, to avoid potential inconsistencies in characterizing the safety significance of an allegation, future data presented to the public will address any enforcement action associated with the allegation.

Your second point was that you would find the data regarding the number of allegations coming to the NRC from various sites useful for trending purposes. This item is currently being reviewed by the staff.

Your last point concerned the statistics that were presented regarding inspection hours or staff hours expended by the NRC. You noted that in the tabulation of NRC hours expended by site, that Millstone Units 1 and 2 were listed as one site, and Millstone Unit 3 was listed as a separate site. As you stated, this was a carryover from the days when Units 1 and 2 were operating and Unit 3 was under construction. We agree with your comment and will reflect the data on a three unit, single site basis in future presentations.

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I appreciate your comments on this year's conference and the points you raised in your letter. We look forward to future opportunities to discuss matters of importance to the nuclear industry. If you have any questions regarding my reply, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
WILLIAM T. RUSSELL

William T. Russell, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Russell".

William T. Russell, Director
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