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This letter forwards the Special Report required pursuant to Millstone Unit 2 Technical Specification 3.7.9.4.a, "Halon Fire Suppression System." This report identifies that the halon fire suppression system for both D.C. switchgear rooms has been out of service for greater than 14 days due to a temporary ventilation configuration which requires the area doors to remain open.

During refueling outage cycle 12, service water system work which interrupted normal cooling to both D.C. switchgear rooms was begun. Subsequent delays in the work schedule interrupted completion of this work which resulted in the need to provide temporary cooling to both D.C. switchgear rooms. This was accomplished by opening doors and setting up temporary fans to draw cooler outside air through these rooms. The opening of the doors breached the halon fire suppression system containment boundaries, therefore rendering these systems inoperable. While these doors are open the plant is complying with Action "a" of Technical Specification 3.7.9.4.

The event is being reported in accordance with Specification 6.9.2.f and Technical Specification 3.7.9.4. There are no safety consequences resulting from this event, because the plant is complying with Action "a" of Technical Specification 3.7.9.4. This action requires establishing a continuous fire watch with backup fire suppression equipment within one hour.

Current plans are to complete service water maintenance and repairs during the current refueling outage estimated to end in late January, 1995. Normal ventilation methods will then be reestablished, allowing the doors to be closed and the halon fire suppression systems to be placed in service.

We trust you find this information satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

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