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Mr. Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident Programs
Region I
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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King of Prussia, PA 19406

Reference: (1) R. W. Starostecki letter to W. G. Council, Inspection No. 50-423/84-02, dated April 10, 1984.

Dear Mr. Starostecki:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
IE Inspection Report 50-423/84-02

As a result of the inspection conducted by Mr. T. Rebelowski of your office on January 22 to March 3, 1984 at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, the following violation was identified and transmitted to us in Reference (1):

APPENDIX A, NOTICE OF VIOLATION

"10CFR50, Appendix B, Criterion XIII, requires that measures shall be established and performed to prevent damage or deterioration to equipment during storage. Stone & Webster Specification No. 2280.00-691 (sic) requires that during repairs, the closures to temporary openings be immediately replaced after completion of the work to exclude foreign materials.

Contrary to the above, on January 24, 1984, the reactor coolant inlet and outlet manholes of Steam Generator 3RCS-SG-1D, were found uncovered and unattended. In addition, grinding was in progress within 10 feet of the openings."

This was determined to be a Severity Level IV Violation.

RESPONSE

Covers were previously on the manholes, but were removed for various types of repair work. Upon notification of the violation, a surveillance was performed and temporary covers installed over the manholes. Within one

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week after notification of the violation, locked covers were installed and a controlled key system for access implemented.

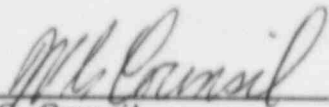
Stone & Webster Field Quality Control performs periodic surveillances as required by their Quality Standards. This incident would have been detected by this program. Verifications of cleanliness during fabrication and erection are also routinely performed and documented in Inspection Reports. Also, prior to Reactor Coolant System turnover, there is a scheduled wipe down and cleanliness verification. All of these provide assurance that this type of incident would not go undetected and that foreign materials are not present in the system.

In addition, specific surveillance guidelines have been incorporated into Stone & Webster Mechanical Equipment Specifications. These stricter guidelines were adopted to ensure that future incidents such as this do not occur.

We consider this to be our final report closing out this violation. We trust that the above information satisfactorily responds to your concerns.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY



W. G. Council
Senior Vice President