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Dear [REDACTED]

This refers to your August 12 and September 1, 1987 telephone calls to the NRC regarding a potential radiation exposure of an individual on or about July 16, 1987 at Millstone 2. During the September 1 1987 telephone discussion, with M. Conner of my staff, you stated that the individual, a welder, was involved in piping work that resulted in radiation exposure from a spill of radioactivity that required evacuation of the work area. Your information was that the welder's attempts to find out the health significance of the occurrence from a supervisor were rebuffed, and that the welder and fellow workers were reluctant to contact the NRC.

After the August 12 call, a review of plant records and discussions with plant personnel by our resident inspector found no indication of a spill for the period from July 10-20, 1987. There was, however, a practice exercise involving an assumed spill of radioactive material and evacuation of work areas on July 16, 1987. Radioactive material was not used to expose individuals to radiation during this exercise. The exercise was announced on the facility public address system, including the work area evacuation portion.

It is also relevant that individuals who work in areas where radioactive materials could provide radiation exposures or contamination carry two types of personal dosimetry to measure the dosage received and assure that dosage limits are not exceeded. Upon exiting such areas, they also undergo "frisking" to detect radioactive contamination on their person or clothing. In addition, radiation workers receive periodic whole body radiation counts to check for any uptake of radioactive material. Any worker who is concerned that he may have ingested radioactive materials also can get a whole body count by request. In the September 1 call, you mentioned that the patient's telephone number you had was inoperative, but you planned to write him in about a week. This should be helpful since, without further specifics, we do not have enough information to justify pursuing this concern further.

Regarding the question of confidentiality, the NRC has a program for maintaining the protection of the identity of sources who provide us with information and who requests that their identity not be revealed. In such cases, a specific agreement is signed by the individual and the NRC. We can also pursue information specifics relayed through a third party such as yourself, without direct contact with the information source. Please inform your source of this.

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In regard to the concern you expressed about exposure to asbestos during the September 1 telephone call, the licensee has confirmed that the last of asbestos insulation was removed in the 1986 outage. This was an extensive program at Unit 2 for the last few outages. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has jurisdiction of events involving asbestos insulation. If documentation regarding asbestos exposure is found it should be sent to OSHA.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please call me at 215-337-5231.

Sincerely,

original signed by:
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