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Dear Mr. Council:

Subject: Design Verification Activities - Millstone 3

As you are aware, the NRC staff has been seeking additional assurances from applicants for operating licenses that the design process used for constructing their plants has fully complied with the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) commitments. To provide this necessary assurance, a number of applicants have undertaken an Independent Design Verification Program (IDVP), performed by an independent contractor, to review and evaluate the design process, including a sample of design details and as-built conditions. In other cases the staff's Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE) has conducted an Integrated Design Inspection (IDI). The staff needs to determine your plans in order to decide whether or not it will conduct an IDI or take other action to obtain the needed assurance. Accordingly I request that, within 60 days from the date of this letter, you present any plans you have for assuring that your plant has been designed and constructed in accordance with FSAR Commitments.

The NRC staff is prepared to meet with you to discuss this request. If you desire a meeting, you should notify the project manager, Elizabeth L. Doolittle.

Sincerely,

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