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Gentlemen:

Subject: Millstone 3 Routine Inspection 50-423/88-08 (4/5/88 - 5/23/88)

The enclosed report refers to the routine resident safety inspection conducted on 4/5/88 - 5/23/88 at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3. The results of the inspection were discussed with Mr. C. H. Clement of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Report Detail 5.1 notes that seaweed impingement on the intake structure traveling screens resulted in a reactor trip on April 13. Seaweed removal capability was limited because one screenwash pump was out-of-service for a prolonged period and leaking valves required securing the second screenwash pump to clean its duplex strainer. This trip and associated challenge to safety systems may have been preventable by better maintenance of non-safety-related equipment.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-423/88-08

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