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Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Millstone 3 Routine Inspection 50-423/88-24 (12/20/88 - 1/23/89)

The enclosed report refers to the routine resident safety inspection conducted on December 20, 1988 through January 23, 1989 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.

No violations were identified and no reply to this letter is required.

Inspection Report Detail 4.2 documents initial NRC review of the containment isolation valves for the steam generator sampling lines being evaluated by your Engineering staff as acceptable even if they permit full flow when shut. We question that judgement and will continue to review this matter.

Inspection Report Detail 5.1 describes continuing problems with fire barrier effectiveness. Our evaluation of the acceptability of your corrective actions on this matter is ongoing.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-423/88-24

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