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SUBJECT: NRC COMBINED INSPECTION 05000336/99012, 05000423/99012

Dear Mr. Necci:

On November 22, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at Millstone Units 2 & 3 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the seven weeks covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Millstone facilities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work controls. Both units remained at power, in operational Mode 1, throughout the inspection period.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC identified three Level IV violations of NRC requirements, one of which related to the Unit 3 design control inadequacy in the qualification of a safety-related sump pump modification. The other two involved examples at Unit 2 where operating procedures were not performed as written. In addition, the NRC determined that ten Level IV violations of NRC requirements, which were associated with conditions that are described in Licensee Event Reports, occurred prior to 1999. All of these violations are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the NRC Enforcement Policy. The NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region I; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Millstone facility.

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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 05000336 and 05000423

Enclosure: NRC Combined Inspection Report 05000336/99012 and 05000423/99012

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