

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

November 29, 1999

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Meserve:

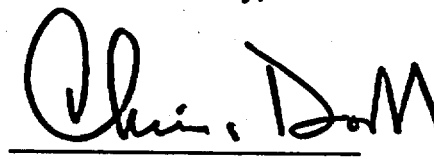
We are writing with regard to the NRC Combined Inspection 50-245/99-09; 50-336/99-09; and 50-423/99-09, issued on November 3, 1999. The NRC inspection of the Millstone Units 1, 2, and 3 identified a repeated violation of the requirement to generate a condition report. We are writing to express our concern about this issue, and to request your assistance and continued vigilance in correcting this problem.


In the report, Millstone Inspection Directorate Mr. James C. Linville identified a failure to initiate a condition report to document that reactor criticality occurred during the Unit 2 reactor startup. The report further states that "this is an additional example of our concern at Unit 2 regarding the failure to initiate condition reports, which was highlighted in our last inspection report." The September 20 NRC inspection documented at least four instances where condition reports were not generated for degraded equipment.

As the recent Inspection Directorate described, a condition report is critical to ensure that the cause of the problems is identified, evaluated, and that corrective action is taken to prevent recurrence. We are very concerned that appropriate action is taken to ensure that condition reports are regularly filed and used to ensure that corrective responses are timely and effective. We are writing to request that the NRC continue to closely monitor this issue at the Millstone facilities. We also would like to know what additional steps the NRC will take if an additional violation occurs, and whether this problem has been identified at other facilities. If you have any questions about this request, feel free to contact us directly, or contact Alys Campaigne, at 224-4041.

Sincerely,

  
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