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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attn: Mr. J. R. Miller, Chief  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

- References: (1) J. R. Miller letter to W. G. Council, dated May 8, 1984.  
(2) W. G. Council letter to J. R. Miller, dated December 12, 1983.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2  
Thermal Shield Recovery Program

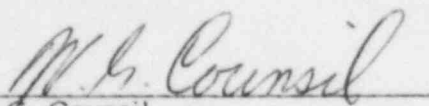
Section 3.1 of Reference (1) states that Figure 7.3-1 of Reference 2 (Thermal Shield Damage Recovery Program Final Report) "is either incorrect or confusing, as it shows two views that do not agree." The purpose of this letter is to correct that confusion.

Figure 7.3-1 shows two views of the Core Support Barrel surface, before and after milling of an inspection slot and a crack arrestor hole. The first view shows the intended location of a 1 inch by 2 inch slot that was machined in the surface of the core support barrel to locate the crack tip. The second view presents the inclusion of a 1 1/8 inch hole, within the inspection slot, designed to arrest further growth of the crack. Thus, no disagreement of the two views exist.

This clarification is presented for information only and no action by the Staff is requested.

Very truly yours,

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