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Re: 10 CFR 50.55a(g)

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
10 Year Inservice Inspection and Test (ISI and IST) Program Interval Extensions
In Accordance with Section XI of the
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Staff of a change in the end date for the first 10 year Inservice Inspection and Test (ISI and IST) intervals and a change in the start date for the second 10 year Inservice Inspection and Test intervals. This change is being made in accordance with Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1983 edition and applicable Addenda as required by 10 CFR 50.55a(g).

As specified within IWA-2430 paragraph (e), for power units that are out of service continuously for 6 months or more, the inspection interval during which the outage occurred may be extended for a period equivalent to the outage. Consistent with this, the end date for the first 10 year ISI and IST interval is being extended from October 1997 by an amount of time equivalent to the duration of the current outage. The current Millstone Unit No. 3 (MP3) outage commenced in March 1996 and is of an unspecified duration at this time. In addition, as a consequence of extending the first 10 year ISI and IST interval the start date of the second 10 year ISI and IST interval will be extended from October 1996 by an amount of time equivalent to the duration of the current outage.

The Staff will be informed of the duration of the current MP3 outage and its impact on the end date of the first ISI and IST interval and, as a consequence, the start date of the second 10 year interval, at the earliest opportunity.

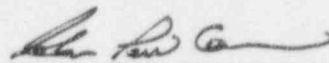
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