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NRC TO MEET WITH DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT MILLSTONE UNITS 2 AND 3 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two meetings on Tuesday, July 17, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Millstone Units 2 and 3 nuclear power plants. Dominion Nuclear Connecticut Inc. operates the plants, which are located in Waterford, Conn.

The first meeting, between NRC staff and representatives of Dominion Nuclear, is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Leland F. Sillin Jr. Training Center at the plant. Region I Administrator Hubert J. Miller will attend this meeting, which is open to the public for observation. The NRC will be available after the meeting to informally answer questions from the public.

The assessment results will also be discussed at a meeting of the NRC and Connecticut's Nuclear Energy Advisory Council at 7 p.m. at Waterford Town Hall, on Rope Ferry Road in Waterford. Public comments will be accepted during the session.

The performance period to be discussed is April 1, 2000, to March 31, 2001. Overall, the NRC found that Millstone Unit 2 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety during the period. However, Millstone Unit 2 is currently designated by the NRC as a facility with a "degraded cornerstone." This designation is based on a performance indicator regarding the unavailability of the plant's high-pressure safety injection system and an inspection finding stemming from ineffective corrective actions for a turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater pump.

Meanwhile, the NRC found that Millstone Unit 3 overall operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives.

A letter sent from the NRC Region I office to Dominion Nuclear addresses the performance of both units during the period and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/OPA/prr/millstone_eoc2001.pdf.

Current performance information for Millstone Unit 2 is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/MILL2/mill2_chart.html.

The performance information for Millstone Unit 3 is available at:
www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/MILL3/mill3_chart.html.

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