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NRC TO DISCUSS MILLSTONE PERFORMANCE WITH DOMINION NUCLEAR

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will take part in two public meetings regarding the Millstone nuclear power plant on Thursday, March 21. The facility, which has two operational reactors, is located in Waterford, Conn., and operated by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.

At 1:30 p.m. that day, NRC staff will meet with representatives of Dominion Nuclear at the Leland F. Sillin Nuclear Training Center, located at the plant off Rope Ferry Road, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of Millstone's safety performance. The meeting will be open to the public for observation. Before the session is adjourned, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public on the safety performance of Millstone Units 2 and 3 and the role of the NRC in ensuring safe plant operation.

The performance period to be discussed is April 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001. NRC staff will also provide an overview of the agency's Reactor Oversight Process.

At 7 p.m. that day, NRC staff will hold a joint meeting with Connecticut's Nuclear Energy Advisory Council to discuss the annual assessment results for Millstone, as well as the NRC's implementation of its Reactor Oversight Process. In addition, the NRC will discuss the results of a special inspection that was conducted regarding two fuel rods determined to be missing from the permanently shutdown Millstone Unit 1 nuclear plant. That meeting, which will also be open to the public for observation, will take place at Waterford Town Hall, 15 Rope Ferry Road in Waterford. As with the earlier meeting, NRC staff will be available to answer questions from the public before adjournment.

A letter sent from the NRC Region I office to Dominion Nuclear addresses plant performance during the period and will serve as the basis for the discussions. It is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/mill 2001q4.pdf

Current performance information for Millstone Unit 2 is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/MILL2/mill2 chart.html

Current performance information for Millstone Unit 3 is available on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/MILL3/mill3_chart.html