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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE CALL**

**WITH DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC (DNC)**

**JUNE 26, 2002**

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DNC's 15-day response to Bulletin 2002-01 stated that Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MP3) had one leak that could have resulted in boric acid reaching the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head. DNC was requested to discuss whether or not there was any evidence that the boric acid did, in fact, reach the RPV head. Also, DNC was requested to discuss the magnitude of the leak and the amount of boric acid deposits that were found on the insulation.

DNC stated that in the early 1990s a conoseal weld developed a minor boric acid leak. The leak was detected on-line and was cleaned and clamped during the next refueling outage. DNC stated that the records did not indicate whether there was any evidence that the boric acid did, in fact, reach the RPV head nor did they indicate the magnitude of the leak and the amount of boric acid deposits. However, individuals that were involved in the discovery of the leak described the leakage as very small.

DNC was requested to clarify whether or not the bare metal visual inspection for MP3 will include 100% of the vessel head penetrations (and the corresponding surface area of the RPV head).

DNC stated that their intention is to do 100% visual inspection using a "remote crawler" and to do a boroscope for penetrations on the perimeter of the RPV head, and any inaccessible areas.