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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-49
DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC
MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3
DOCKET NO. 50-423
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By letter dated December 13, 2002, as supplemented by letter dated April 28, 2003, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee) submitted a proposed exemption from schedular requirements of 10 CFR 54.17(c) for the Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MP3). Approval of the proposed exemption would allow an application for a renewed license to be submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (staff or NRC) earlier than the 20 years before the expiration of the operating license currently in effect.

The staff has reviewed the information the licensee provided that supports the proposed exemption. In order for the staff to complete its evaluation, the following additional information is requested:

The staff notes that the application and supplement did not address with sufficient information on how the operating experience with the Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 2 (MP2) containment and Category 1 structures, which is of different design than MP3, can be applied to MP3's lack of 20 years operating experience. Consequently, additional information is needed to justify the applicability of MP2's containment and Category 1 structures operating experience as the basis for the exemption request. Alternately, the licensee could discuss how industry-wide operating experience (such as the Generic Aging Lessons Learned Report {NUREG-1801} or in the relevant areas of other PWR plants with similar containment that may have 20 or longer years of operating experience) can make up for MP3's lack of sufficient operating experience.