

as corrective actions prior to plant restart. These issues were identified during the augmented inspection team (AIT) review of events occurring between August 22 and September 4, 1996, related to reactor coolant system (RCS) inventory and cooling capacity (Inspection 50-213/96-80) and during the August 14, 1996, emergency preparedness (EP) exercise (Inspection 50-213/96-07). Your performance revealed some fundamental weaknesses in plant operations and in emergency response activities. While some corrective actions have already been taken or are planned in response to the recent RCS events and the EP exercise, it is important that you determine the root causes of these weaknesses and take broad corrective actions.

Attachment 1 to your letter describes Haddam Neck Plant Configuration Management Plan (CMP) restart related activities that provide reasonable assurance that the future operation of Haddam Neck will be conducted in conformance with the Commission's regulations. Since you have concluded there are some similarities in weaknesses between Millstone and Haddam Neck, information on your assessment and views on the need for an independent corrective action verification program (ICAVP) at Haddam Neck should be provided as soon as possible after your decision regarding future operation of the facility.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank J. Miraglia, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

Effective October 1, 1996, Northeast Utilities implemented a major reorganization, including the establishment of a recovery organization for each of the Millstone units. We recognize this reorganization may have an impact on your previous plans and schedules for recovery of each of the Millstone units and Haddam Neck. Your earlier July 2, 1996, letter provided the Operational Readiness Plan for Millstone Unit 3. Subsequently, the NRC has met with Northeast Utilities to discuss this plan and the status of your restart activities. At your earliest convenience, please provide us information on how the Operational Readiness Plan and schedule of important milestones are impacted by your reorganization. This information is needed so that we can appropriately plan our resources to oversee your activities. Our September 12, 1996, letter to you provided a copy of the NRC Restart Assessment Plan.

Sincerely,

/s/

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