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Docket No. 50-245
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Re: 10CFR55.59

Mr. T. T. Martin
Regional Administrator, Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1
Annual Operating Examinations (TAC No. M82276)

In a letter dated December 13, 1991,⁽¹⁾ Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) submitted its request for a scheduler exemption from the requirements of 10CFR55.59(a)(2) on behalf of Millstone Unit No. 1. This exemption would have provided temporary relief from the requirement to complete the dynamic simulator portion of the annual operating examination required by 10CFR55.59(a)(2) for 14 licensed individuals.

In the December 13, 1991, letter, NNECO stated that none of the 14 individuals would perform any licensed duties until an annual operating test at the appropriate license level was successfully completed. This was confirmed during a December 30, 1991, telephone conversation between NNECO and the Staff. Additionally, in the letter, NNECO stated its intent to return the individuals to licensed duties upon successful completion of the dynamic simulator portion of the annual examinations.

(1) J. F. Opeka letter to Dr. T. E. Murley, "Request for Scheduler Exemption From Requalification Testing Requirements," dated December 13, 1991.

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Subsequently, by letter dated December 31, 1991,⁽²⁾ the Staff transmitted its position that an exemption from 10CFR55.59(a)(2) was not required, but acknowledged NNECO's commitment to complete the dynamic portion of the 1991 annual operating examination for the 14 licensed individuals by March 31, 1992. In addition, the Staff requested that NNECO inform the NRC Region I office, in writing, of the successful completion of the training before returning any of the individuals to licensed duties.


Accordingly, NNECO hereby informs the Staff that the dynamic simulator portion of the 1991 annual operating examination (and associated training) was administered to all 14 licensed individuals by the end of February 1992. However, due to an administrative oversight (i.e., not identifying the explicit request made by the Staff in the December 31, 1991, letter), NNECO assigned two of the plant operators to licensed duties in late January 1992, without notifying the NRC of successful completion of their examinations. These two plant operators had completed all required training and examinations prior to being assigned to licensed duties.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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(2) J. F. Stolz letter to J. F. Opeka, "Exemption From Certain Requirements of 10CFR55.59(a)(2) - Millstone, Unit 1 (TAC No. M82276)," dated December 31, 1991.