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Docket No. 50-336
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Re: 10CFR2.201

Mr. Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator, Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Martin:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Inspection Report No. 50-336/92-26
Reply to a Request for Additional Information

In a letter dated December 4, 1992,⁽¹⁾ the NR Staff transmitted the results of several inspections associated with the steam generator replacement at Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2. The Staff identified two Severity Level V violations regarding nondestructive examination (NDE) performed using radiography. The first violation was associated with the failure to identify and disposition a linear indication on the radiographic report. The second violation identified failure to follow the radiography procedure regarding back scatter of radiation during radiography.

In a letter dated January 13, 1993,⁽²⁾ Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) provided our reply to the Notice of Violations (NOV) pursuant to the provisions of 10CFR2.201, contesting both of the violations. Subsequently, in a telephone conference on February 10, 1993, NNECO and NRC Region I Staff discussed details of the issue. During that discussion, the Staff agreed that the indications had no safety implications, but could be indicative of a decrease in the quality of our NDE inspection program. NNECO stated that although we believe that our NDE program quality remains strong, we recognize the potential benefit of additional enhancements. Accordingly, NNECO hereby

- (1) J. P. Durr letter to J. F. Opeka, "NRC Inspection of Unit 2 Steam Generator Replacement, NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-336/96," dated December 4, 1992.
- (2) J. F. Opeka letter to T. T. Martin, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2 Inspection Report No. 50-336/92-26 Reply to Notice of Violation," dated January 13, 1993.

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provides additional information as requested, describing the supplemental actions which will be taken to further reinforce NDE inspector training.

This NOV is being added as a reference to Component Test Services Procedure QCTS-2.17, "Contractor Training and Monitoring." The need to document all indications, relevant and nonrelevant, will be stressed in the lesson plan prepared by the Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO) instructor. In addition, the NUSCO employees assigned to monitor contractor performance will also receive instruction on completing the NDE Monitoring Checklist, requiring complete documentation. A new checklist for radiography is also in preparation and will be added to the procedure.

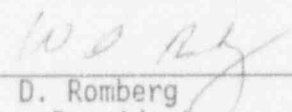
These changes and enhancements are expected to be in place by May 1993.

If you have further questions on this issue, please contact my staff.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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