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Docket No. 50-423
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Re: IR 50-423/92-13

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Inspection Report No. 50-423/92-13--Additional Information

By letter dated August 28, 1992,⁽¹⁾ Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) responded to a Severity Level IV violation regarding the Staff's concerns related to inadequate planning and work controls for the removal of pipe insulation (lagging) to inspect valves at Millstone Unit No. 3. This apparently resulted in the degradation of the supplementary leak collection and release system (SLCRS), thereby failing to meet the technical specification requirements for the enclosure building integrity.

As corrective action to avoid further violations, NNECO committed to walkdown all similar SLCRS boundaries to identify locations where seal material could be mistaken for lagging. NNECO has completed the walkdowns and has identified the locations where seal material could be mistaken for lagging and developed maps and a tagging schedule. Additionally, these locations were to be marked to indicate that they are part of the SLCRS boundary and not to be removed without prior notification of the control room. NNECO committed to complete this action by February 28, 1993. Due to the workload associated with the modifications to the auxiliary building ventilation system, this action has not been completed. Based on the fact that work involving SLCRS boundaries is not usually performed while the plant is operating, NNECO has postponed marking these boundaries until the upcoming refueling outage. Therefore, the marking of locations as part of the SLCRS boundary is being rescheduled to be completed by the end of the 1993 refueling outage.

(1) J. F. Opeka letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Reply to a Notice of Violation - Inspection Report No. 50-423/92-13," dated August 28, 1992.

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NNECO has discussed this issue with the resident inspector and, as has been our practice, we will keep the NRC Staff fully informed of any future schedule changes.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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