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Regional Administrator, Region I
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Reference: Facility Operating License No. DPR-65
Docket No. 50-336
Reportable Occurrence R0-50-336/82-011/3L-0



Dear Mr. Haynes:

This letter forwards Licensee Event Report 82-11/3L-0 required to be submitted within thirty days pursuant to Millstone Unit 2 Appendix A Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.1.9.b, conditions leading to operating in a degraded mode permitted by a limiting condition for operation. An additional three copies of the report are enclosed.

Yours truly,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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Attachment: LER R0-82-11/3L-0

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ATTACHMENT TO LER 82-11/3L-0
NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY
MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-336

Event Description and Cause

During a plant startup with a slight positive moderator temperature coefficient the reactor operator was maintaining 8% reactor power. Due to the burnout of Xenon, the operator was required to borate to maintain power. Just prior to putting the turbine generator on the line, the reactor operator borated the RCS. The effects of the boration and the cooldown caused by the turbine load caused a power decrease and a further cooldown. The results of both actions were a reactor power of 5.5% and an RCS temperature of 514°F. The reactor operator upon seeing the reduction of temperature and power immediately inserted positive reactivity by a rod withdrawal. RCS temperature was restored to greater than 515°F within 3 minutes.

Action to Prevent Recurrence

The Operations Supervisor has instructed all operators of the necessity of being aware at all times of plant conditions and fuel operating characteristics which have an effect on reactivity control.