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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mr. T. T. Martin, Director  
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- References: (1) T. T. Martin letter to W. G. Council, IE Inspection 50-423/81-02, dated March 3, 1982.  
(2) W. G. Council letter to T. T. Martin, IE Inspection 50-423/81-02, dated July 1, 1981.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3  
IE Inspection 50-423/81-02 Appendix A, Item G

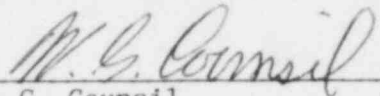
In Reference (1) you responded to our request for a retraction of the Appendix A, Item G noncompliance identified in IE Inspection Report 50-423/81-02. The staff's review resulted in the conclusion that no new information was submitted to support the request for a retraction.

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, after rereview of the noncompliance, concurs that the noncompliance was valid. However, after rereview of the proposed corrective action stated in Reference (2), which commits S&W to reinforcing its Structural Technical Review Program, we have concluded this to be unnecessary in view of current S&W procedures. Under the S&W Engineering Assurance Program, original designs are completed, checked and independently verified. Under the same program, changes to existing designs are proposed in an Engineering and Design Coordination Report (E&DCR) by the Responsible Engineer, approved by the Lead Engineer and independently verified by the Equipment Specialist. This complies with the intent of Criteria III of 10CFR50, Appendix B and the Quality Assurance Programs of both S&W and NNECO. The additional review or lack thereof by the Structural Review Board is unnecessary, and thus, immaterial to meeting the requirements of Appendix B.

Although we have concluded that the corrective action proposed in Reference (2) is unnecessary and will not be undertaken, the visibility of this isolated occurrence has been substantially elevated as evidenced by the correspondence that we have exchanged with the NRC on this subject. This increased awareness is sufficient to preclude a recurrence of this item. We trust in your agreement.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

  
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