

# NORTHEAST UTILITIES



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Docket No. 50-423  
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Mr. Ronald C. Haynes, Director  
Region I  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Gentlemen:

MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3  
REPORTING OF A POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY  
IN DESIGN; GOULD STARTERS, CLASS A821,  
A822 AND A823, NEMA SIZES 1 & 2

As required by Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations Part 50, Paragraph 55(e), on May 25, 1982 our Mr. R. E. Lefebvre called your L. Briggs and reported a potential significant deficiency in the construction of Millstone Unit No. 3. The potential significant deficiency involved Gould starters manufactured between May 11, 1981 and March 12, 1982 of class A821, A822 and A823, sizes 1 and 2. These are used in QA Category 1 motor control centers and were identified because possible binding or seizure of the contact carrier assembly could occur causing their associated motor not to start.

To eliminate this problem with the identified starters, (all were shipped per purchase order 2425.600-244 on January 30, 1982) the manufacturer is sending to the jobsite, retrofit kits and instructions for modification. The manufacturer will also send a representative to the site to advise on the repairs and installation which will be performed by our field personnel.

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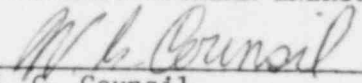
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We trust this final report provides you with sufficient detail describing our disposition of this significant deficiency in design.

Per telephone conversation between our Mr. J. M. Powers and Mr. E. J. Brunner's office, this final report is being forwarded one week later than the required 30 day response period.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

  
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W. G. Council  
Senior Vice President

cc: Mr. E. J. Brunner  
Mr. L. Briggs