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Docket No. 50-336
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Re: GL 88-16

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

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications
Removal of Cycle-Specific Parameter
Limits from Technical Specifications

Generic Letter 88-16, dated October 4, 1988, was issued to encourage licensees to prepare changes to Technical Specifications related to cycle-specific parameters. These Technical Specification changes will relocate cycle-specific parameter limits from Technical Specifications to the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). Presently, the parameter limits in the Millstone Unit No. 2 Technical Specifications are calculated using NRC-approved methodologies. These limits are evaluated for every reload cycle and may be revised periodically as appropriate to reflect changes to cycle-specific variables. This is an administrative burden on both the NRC and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO).

The generic letter provided guidance to allow relocation of certain cycle dependent core operating limits from the Millstone Unit No. 2 Technical Specifications. This would allow changes to the values of core operating limits without prior approval (i.e., license amendment) by the NRC, provided an NRC-approved methodology for the parameter limit calculation is followed. Thus, future core reloads and other revisions will require a safety review in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.59 instead of a prior submittal to the NRC.

In a letter dated June 26, 1990,⁽¹⁾ NNECO submitted to the NRC Staff the proposed Technical Specification changes concerning the relocation of several

(1) E. J. Mroczka letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications, Removal of Cycle-Specific Parameter Limits from Technical Specifications," dated June 26, 1990.

cycle-specific core operating limits for Millstone Unit No. 2 from the Technical Specifications to the COLR.

In a telephone conversation with NNECO, the NRC Project Manager and the NRC technical reviewer of the proposed changes, it was suggested that we modify certain pages of our proposed Technical Specifications. These proposed modifications suggested by the NRC Staff were a result of numerous reviews of industry submittals in response to Generic Letter 88-16. The intent of these modifications, as expressed by the NRC, is to standardize industry Technical Specification verbiage and incorporate the NRC Staff's revised interpretation of the Generic Letter. The changes proposed by the NRC Staff are provided in Attachment 1 and summarized herein as follows:

- 1) The inclusion of a maximum upper limit on the most positive allowable moderator temperature coefficient. The proposed upper limits are the same as those in the current Technical Specifications.
- 2) The inclusion of a listing of the affected Technical Specifications in the administrative controls section for the COLR (Section 6.9.1.7). This list is taken directly from Section 1.0 of the COLR. The resulting section is now divided into four parts, labeled "a" through "d".
- 3) All occurrences of the phrase "... provided in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT" are changed to "... specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT."

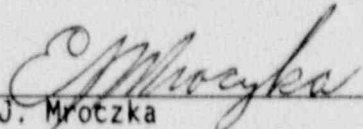
NNECO has reviewed these suggested changes with the Significant Hazards Consideration (SHC) provided to the NRC Staff in the June 26, 1990 letter and has determined that the SHC discussion remains valid and applicable for these changes.

The Millstone Unit No. 2 Nuclear Review Board has concurred with these suggested changes.

In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b) we are providing the State of Connecticut with a copy of these proposed changes.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY



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Then personally appeared before me, E. J. Mroczka, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Senior Vice President of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, a Licensee herein, that he is authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name and on behalf of the Licensee herein, and that the statements contained in said information are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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