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Re: NRC Bulletin 89-02

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3  
NRC Bulletin 89-02  
"Stress Corrosion Cracking of High-Hardness Type 410  
Stainless Steel Internal Preloaded Bolting in  
Anchor Darling Model S350W Swing Check Valves  
or Valves of Similar Design"

On July 19, 1989, the NRC Staff issued Bulletin 89-02 requesting certain inspections for check valve internal bolting. Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) responded for Millstone Unit No. 3 on January 5, 1990,<sup>(1)</sup> stating our intentions to inspect and replace necessary bolts. In that letter, NNECO identified four check valves that potentially needed inspection and committed to inspect them not later than the next refueling outage.

Since that time, a more thorough review of all Millstone Unit No. 3 check valves has determined that there are no check valves with similar internal bolting. The four valves originally in question are in the Low Pressure Safety Injection System. Further investigation has shown them to be Westinghouse (rather than Pacific) swing check valves. These valves do not use internal preloaded bolting and are not subject to the concerns of NRC Bulletin 89-02; therefore, no inspections have been performed.

This letter is being submitted to fulfill NNECO's commitment to respond to the subject Bulletin. (The Millstone Unit No. 3 refueling outage ended in April 1991.)

- (1) E. J. Mroczka letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "NRC Bulletin 89-02; Stress Corrosion Cracking of High-Hardness Type 410 Stainless Steel Internal Preloaded Bolting in Anchor Darling Model S350W Swing Check Valves or Valves of Similar Design," dated January 5, 1990.

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Please contact us if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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and 3

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )  
 ) ss. Berlin  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD )

Ther. personally appeared before me, C. F. Sears, who being duly sworn, did state that he is 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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Notary Public