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Docket No. 50-423  
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Re: 10CFR50.90

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

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3  
Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications  
Refueling Operations - Supplementary Information

The purpose of this submittal is to clarify the original request made by Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) on September 30, 1994,<sup>(1)</sup> to amend its operating license, NPF-49, by incorporating certain changes to the Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications. Specifically, the proposed changes to the Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications consist of a revision to the definition of CORE ALTERATIONS, a deletion of a surveillance requirement for the source range neutron monitors, and a revision to the Action statements of Limiting Conditions for Operations (LCOs) 3.9.2, 3.9.8.1, and 3.9.8.2.

During a recent telephone conference call with the NRC Staff, the NRC Staff raised questions concerning the NNECO's proposal to delete the surveillance requirement for the source range neutron monitors (i.e., Surveillance Requirement 4.9.2.b). The subject Surveillance Requirement 4.9.2.b requires that an analog channel operational test be performed within eight hours prior to the initial start of core alterations. As a result of the discussion concerning the validity of the surveillance prior to the core alteration, NNECO has determined to keep Surveillance Requirement 4.9.2.b in the Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specification with a minor change, a 12 hour requirement instead of the 8 hour requirement. In addition, the proposed change to Surveillance Requirement 4.9.2.a included in our September 30, 1994, submittal

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(1) J. F. Opeka letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications, Core Alterations Definition and Refueling Operations," dated September 30, 1994.

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is being clarified by changing the words from "audible indication" to "audible counts." Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 forward the marked up and retyped technical specification pages, respectively.

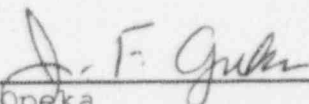
It should be noted that the safety assessment, significant hazards consideration, and environmental impact discussion previously included in the September 30, 1994, amendment request remains valid.

We believe the above information, coupled with the information provided in our September 30, 1994, submittal provides a complete basis for approval of the requested amendment. NNECO requests that the proposed license amendment be reviewed and approved prior to the start of the upcoming refueling outage scheduled to begin on April 12, 1995. NNECO also requests that the license amendment be effective upon issuance, and implemented within 60 days of issuance.

Should the NRC Staff require any additional information, please contact Mr. R. G. Joshi at (203) 440-2080.

Very truly yours,

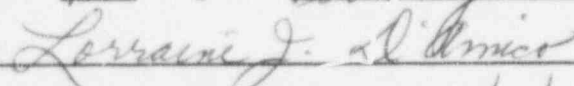
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Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 13 day of February, 1995

  
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