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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attn: Mr. James R. Miller
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

- References: (1) W. G. Counsil letter to J. R. Miller, dated September 15, 1983.
(2) W. G. Counsil letter to J. R. Miller, dated February 24, 1984.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Thermal Shield Disposal

By Reference (1), Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) provided the NRC Staff with a general discussion of the plans for ultimate disposal of the Millstone Unit No. 2 thermal shield. Reference (2) provided the details of our plans to accomplish this task.

Currently, the thermal shield is being stored on site. As we reported in Reference (1), it was cut into six, sixty degree (60°) segments. All (6) six segments are in the cask wash pit, in preparation for cutting. Plans for preparation of the thermal shield for shipment remain as stated in Reference (2).

Preparations were underway for the disposal of the thermal shield segments at the low-level waste disposal site at Barnwell, S.C. However, due to difficulties in reaching contractual agreements with the Barnwell, S.C. site, NNECO now plans to dispose of the thermal shield segments at the Richland, Washington, waste disposal site.

The thermal shield strips will be shipped to Richland in a spent fuel railroad transportation cask. The fuel basket will be replaced with a liner suitable for shipping the shield segments. Three shipments to the disposal site will be necessary.

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The cask is currently licensed for spent fuel transport and irradiated hardware. The following data for the cask are provided.

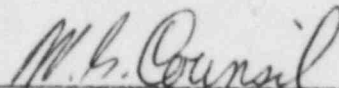
Owner	General Electric IF-300
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NNECO continues to anticipate that the thermal shield cutting and shipment will be completed by October, 1984.

If you have any questions, my staff remains available to assist you.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY



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