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- Reference: 1. Letter (D03156), R. A. Reckert to A. Freland,
dated December 1, 1989.
2. Letter (D01575), R. Reckert to R. Barlow,
dated June 30, 1987.

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station
NPDES Permit No. CT0003263
Noncompliance Report

Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), on behalf of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) in accordance with Subsection (j)(11)(D) of Section 22a-430-3, herein submits the following written report of noncompliance with NNECO's Millstone Nuclear Power Station NPDES permit. The exceedance was reported to you by Mr. Edward Keith of NUSCO by telephone on October 7, 1992.

Report:

At approximately 0730 hours on October 6, 1992, Millstone maintenance personnel were notified that a sanitary sewer system manhole/pump station near Unit 3 was overflowing and the effluent was discharging to a storm drain. Upon arrival at the site, it was found that the two pumps in the manhole were electrically tripped off. The system consists of dual alternating pumps such that if one pump fails, the other pump activates. Both pumps were reset; however, one immediately retripped. The pump that remained in service brought the sewage overflow under control.

The effluent that overflowed had proceeded to a storm drain which is located approximately 50 feet northeast of the Unit 2 intake structure. This storm drain, which outflows to Niantic Bay, although not in the current Millstone permit, has been designated as DSN016 in the permit renewal application of December 1, 1989, Reference 1, on file with your office. Previous application for its inclusion in the permit had also been made on June 30, 1987, Reference 2.

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DSN016 is included in the renewal draft of Permit No. CT0003263 presently at public notice stage.

Conclusions:

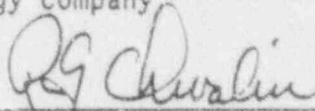
Investigation of this incident revealed the pump that immediately retripped was clogged with a rag. It is felt the second pump tripped due to excessively heavy loading caused by the current Unit 2 steam generator replacement project and the malfunction of the other pump. Overflow of the manhole occurred for a total time of approximately one-half hour with a maximum estimated overflow volume of 300-500 gallons. The repair team reported the overflow was relatively clear, contained no solid matter, and had very little odor. They also reported the storm drain, which previously had oil absorbent "socks" or "pigs" placed around it for oil drip control during the overhaul, had no solids buildup around it. Both pumps were returned to service the day of this incident.

Station personnel notified the Tri-Town Shellfish Commission's Chairman, Mr. John Noga, on October 7, 1992, of this incident.

Should you have any questions, please call Thomas Arcari, NUSCO Generation and Environmental Licensing, at (203) 665-3713.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST UTILITIES SERVICES COMPANY
As Agent for Northeast Nuclear
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