



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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June 5, 1985

Docket No. 50-245
LS05-85-06-004

Mr. John F. Opeka, Senior Vice President
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Dear Mr. Opeka:

SUBJECT: REACTOR OPERATION WITH DEINERTED CONTAINMENT DRYWELL

Re: Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 102 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-21 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1. This amendment is in response to your application dated May 15, 1985.

This amendment changes the Appendix A Technical Specifications to permit reactor operation with deinerted reactor containment drywell for up to 48 hours. The changes allow safe drywell entry for the purposes of performing inspection, equipment adjustments, and maintenance activities important to safety. Based on the information you have provided, the staff has concluded that the proposed changes will not result in more frequent operation with deinerted containment than would result without the changes and that neither reactor safety nor the health and safety of the public has been reduced.

A Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for Hearing related to the requested action was published in the Federal Register on May 24, 1985 (50 FR 21523). Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5), an emergency situation exists in that failure to act in a timely way would result in shutdown of the plant and that the proposed changes should be authorized without waiting for the 30-day notice period to expire.

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A copy of our related Safety Evaluation is enclosed. This action will appear in the Commission's biweekly notice publication in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

John A. Zwolinski, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 102 to
License No. DPR-21
2. Safety Evaluation

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