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Reference: (1) E. C. Wenzinger letter to J. F. Opeka, dated May 3, 1985.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2

Response to I&E Inspection No. 50-336/85-17

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, this report is submitted in reply to Reference (1) which informed the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company of an apparent Severity Level IV Violation. This was the result of items of noncompliance noted during an inspection conducted during April 8-11, 1985.

Statement of Violation

Millstone Unit 2 Technical Specification 6.8, "Procedures," requires that written procedures shall be established, implemented and maintained covering activities including surveillance activities of safety related equipment.

The Containment Leak Rate Test-Type C (SP-2605D, Revision 6) for the containment purge exhaust valves requires the following:

- "Set up the Flow Test Box using Sketch 1 as in Figure 2605D-1" (Step 7.2.1.1),
- Operation of test equipment valves V-12 and V-13 to pressurize the test volume (Step 7.2.8.1), and
- "Remove air supply" (Step 7.4.3) prior to recording data.

Contrary to the above, on April 10, 1985 the containment purge exhaust valves were leak tested without the Flow Test Box being set up as shown on Sketch 1 of Figure 2605D-1, without test equipment valves V-12 and V-13 installed, and without removing the air supply prior to recording data.

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This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement 1).

Response

All necessary corrective steps have been completed; see details below.

The Flow Test Box was modified to conform to the requirements of Figure 2605D-1, Sketch 1. The modification included installation of test equipment valves V-12 and V-13.

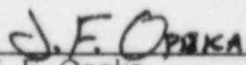
Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) has also issued a PORC approved change to Procedure SP-2605D, "Containment Leak Test-Type C." The change incorporated the above modifications and made clarifications including the requirement that the air supply shall be physically disconnected (and not just that the air supply valves need be closed) prior to the start of data collection.

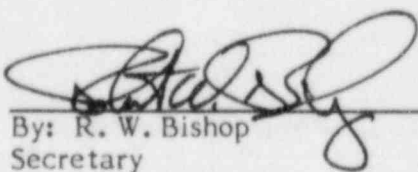
All personnel involved with containment leak testing have been briefed on: (1) the modifications, (2) operation of and configuration of the equipment, including V-12 and V-13, for each phase of the test, and (3) the need to maintain this test equipment in proper working order.

All of the above actions were completed prior to the retest of the containment purge exhaust valves. These actions will prevent further violations in performing containment leak rate testing (Type C). Therefore, this testing is in full compliance with the revised procedure SP-2605D.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

  
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