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REPORT OF INQUIRY

SUBJECT: NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY CO., MILLSTONE POINT 1 AND 2:
UNQUALIFIED QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER WORKING FOR CROUSE
NUCLEAR TESTING

REPORT NUMBER: I-82-040

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In April 1982, Mr. Eric JOHNSON, NRC Region IV, advised the reporting investigator that he had received an allegation from an individual (confidential identity) regarding the above captioned subject. JOHNSON indicated that his source of information did not have first hand information regarding the allegation; however, the source identified a Mr. Charles HELLIER, General Manager of the Nondestructive Test Engineering Division, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, Essex, CN., as being willing and able to provide first hand information relating to the allegation. JOHNSON said that the source stated essentially that a [REDACTED] for Crouse Nuclear Testing at one of the Millstone Point Nuclear Power Stations, was suspected of forging [REDACTED] NDT Level III certification papers and was not qualified for [REDACTED] position. According to JOHNSON, the source said that [REDACTED] had attended HELLIER's school for Level III NDT certification, had flunked out of the school and took a blank graduation diploma with [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] may have used for Level III certification. JOHNSON did not provide any additional pertinent information. The guidelines for personnel qualifications and certification in nondestructive testing is set forth in the "Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A" (June 1980 edition) which was developed by the American Society for nondestructive testing to aid employers in recognizing the essential factors to be considered in qualifying employees engaged in any of the test methods listed in the guideline. The guideline states that certification of all levels of NDT personnel is the responsibility of the employer; all levels of NDT personnel should be recertified at least once every three years; and the employer's certification shall be deemed revoked when employment is terminated.

Mr. Charles HELLIER, Supra, was interviewed by the reporting investigator at HELLIER's place of business on December 8, 1982. HELLIER said that in about 1975, [REDACTED] came to him stating that [REDACTED] wanted to attend a Level III training course at his (HELLIER's) school. HELLIER said that the purpose of the course that [REDACTED] wanted to attend was to refresh [REDACTED] knowledge for Level III certification and that the course itself was not for the purpose of

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certification. HELLIER said that he was under the impression that [REDACTED] and was taking the class as a refresher for [REDACTED] Level III certification. HELLIER said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said the course [REDACTED] attended at his school in 1975 was a two day course which emphasized the NDT UT method and generally covered the remaining methods of NDT. [REDACTED] said that to [REDACTED] knowledge, [REDACTED] did attend all of the classroom instruction but did not complete either the written or practical examination while at the school. HELLIER said that [REDACTED] was allowed to take the test with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not steal it. He said that since the class was for refresher purposes and not for the purpose of certification, [REDACTED] could not use the test or class for [REDACTED] own personal certification purposes. HELLIER said that [REDACTED] had not taken any diplomas that could be used for certification purposes stating that his school, neither during the time period in question, nor presently, certifies individuals for the NDT methods and that certification is the responsibility of the employer. A result of interview with Mr. HELLIER setting forth additional details is attachment (1) to this report.

[REDACTED]

Inquiries at the Millstone Nuclear Power Facilities by the NRC Senior Resident Inspector (SRI) determined that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The SRI further stated that during the time of [REDACTED] employment, the Crouse QA/QC program had not been accepted by the licensee and a QA/QC record review did not surface any inspection packages bearing [REDACTED] signature. The SRI stated that the current Crouse site manager reported that [REDACTED] was never certified at Millstone by Crouse as a Quality Control Inspector and the SRI reported that [REDACTED] training folder was no longer maintained at the Millstone sites.

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