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Docket No. 50-245

Mr. John F. Opeka
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Dear Mr. Opeka:

SUBJECT: MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1 - EXEMPTION TO 10 CFR 50,
APPENDIX J (TAC NO. M84727)

By letter dated November 4, 1992, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) requested a one-time exemption to provide relief from the accelerated Type A containment integrated leak rate test frequency, required by Section III.A.6(b) of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, when two consecutive Type A tests have failed to meet their acceptance criteria. Information Notice No. 85-71, "Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test," states that if Type B and C local leakage rates constitute an identified contributor to the failure of the "As-Found" Type A test, the licensee may submit a Corrective Action Plan with an alternate leakage rate test program proposal as an exemption request. If the submittal is approved and an exemption granted, the licensee may implement the corrective action and alternate leakage rate test program in lieu of the required increase in Type A test frequency incurred after the failure of two successive Type A tests. The NRC staff has completed its review of your corrective action plan and alternate leakage rate test program and find them acceptable. Therefore, the NRC staff grants the one-time exemption request.

This exemption, along with NNECO's Technical Specification change request dated September 29, 1992, as supplemented by letter dated November 6, 1992, will allow NNECO to return to the normal test schedule of three tests in 10 years. With the normal test schedule, Type A tests would be scheduled to be performed at the next two plant shutdowns for refueling (currently expected to be in 1994 and 1996). NNECO's TS change request was approved by Amendment No. 60 dated January 11, 1993.

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A copy of the Exemption is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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