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Re: 10CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(D)

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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This letter forwards Licensee Event Report 96-029-00, documenting a condition that was discovered at Millstone Unit No. 3 on August 30, 1996. This LER is submitted pursuant to 10CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(D).

The following are NNECO's commitments made within this letter:

- B15890-01: Install restrictive orifices in selected ECCS branch lines to relieve the throttling burden on the branch line throttling valves, permitting the valves to be set in more open positions while still satisfying the minimum required deliverable flows during the injection phase and recirculation phase. Additionally, install restrictive orifices in the suction supply headers to the CHS pumps from the RSS pumps to mitigate RSS pump boost.
- B15890-02: Maintain the plant in Mode 5 or lower until such time as modification to the suction supply headers to the CHS pumps from the RSS pumps have been completed and restrictive orifices have been installed in each ECCS branch line.

Very truly yours,

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