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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3
Voluntary Report on Delayed Submittal of License Amendment Request for
Section 6.0, "Administrative Controls"

This letter provides a voluntary report, documenting the delays that occurred in submitting the License Amendment Requests for Section 6.0, Administrative Controls, for Millstone Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

I. Description of Event

On September 18, 1996, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) announced the Recovery Organization that was to become effective October 1, 1996. This reorganization required changes to Section 6 of each Millstone unit's Technical Specifications. The associated License Amendment Requests for the Millstone units were not submitted until December 24, 1996.⁽¹⁾ The causes that have been identified include organizational barriers and lack of management expectations. There were no safety consequences as a result of this event since the issue is administrative in nature. The event reflects communication weaknesses and lack of accountability.

The Nuclear Licensing Services Department was responsible for preparing and processing the License Amendment Requests, with support from line organizations to review them. During the review cycle, Millstone Unit No. 1 reorganized such that it was necessary to prepare new License Amendment Requests for each of the units. On December 9, the Executive Vice President resigned his position as Chief Nuclear Officer for Millstone Station, and this required additional changes to the Technical Specifications. The change package was amended each time a change was made. This process added to the time needed to process the amendment request.

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(1) B. D. Kenyon letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications - Administrative Controls," dated December 24, 1996.

ii. Cause of Event

The causes for this event are:

- Inadequate communication within the organization on the need to process the license amendment request on a timely basis.
- Lack of management expectations regarding when to submit a License Amendment Request after an organizational change is announced.

iii Corrective Action

The President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Nuclear Officer of NNECO issued expectations for implementing future organizational changes on January 22, 1997.

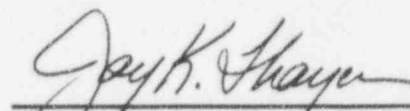
IV. Commitments

The following is NNECO's commitment contained within this letter. All other statements contained within this letter are for information only.

B16141-1 The President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Nuclear Officer of NNECO issued expectations for implementing future organizational changes on January 22, 1997.

Very truly yours,

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