

February 3, 1997

EA 97-22

Mr. Bruce D. Kenyon
President and Chief Executive Officer
Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
c/o Terry Harpster
P. O. Box 128
Waterford, Connecticut 06385-0128

Dear Mr. Kenyon:

SUBJECT: NRC COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT 50-245/96-13; 50-336/96-13; 50-423/96-13; and NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This letter refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Dr. Jason C. Jang of this office on November 12-22, 1996, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-21, DPR-65, and NPF-49 at the Millstone Site, Waterford, Connecticut and to the discussion of our findings held by Dr. Jang with Mr. S. Scace and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection, involving your radioactive effluent control programs, are important to public health and safety and are discussed in the NRC Inspection Report that is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, we noted that your staff maintained effective programs for the control and monitoring of radioactive liquid and gaseous effluents. We further noted that radiation monitoring system calibration techniques for Unit 2 had improved significantly since our last review of this area. Surveillance test results for air cleaning systems required by Technical Specifications (TS) at all three units were good. However, two of your activities were determined not to be in compliance with NRC regulations, as outlined in the attached Notice of Violation. The violations include: (1) failure to establish and implement procedures as required by Technical Specification 6.8 to verify ventilation system performance relative to air balance, as described in the Unit 1 UFSAR for the following areas: radwaste building, radwaste storage building, turbine building, and steam tunnel; and (2) failure to establish and implement procedures as required by the Technical Specification 6.8 to verify ventilation system performance as described in the Unit 2 FSAR relative to periodic testing of the High Efficiency Particulate Air Filter (HEPA) component of the Main Exhaust System.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John R. White

John R. White, Chief
Radiation Safety Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-245
 50-336
 50-423

Enclosure:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Combined Inspection Report 50-245/96-13; 50-336/96-13; and 50-423/96-13

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