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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1  
Responsibilities of Director, Unit Operations

The purpose of this letter is to respond to an NRC request for information identified at the December 17, 1996 meeting with Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO). Specifically, the NRC asked NNECO to submit a letter describing the functions and responsibilities of the Director, Unit Operations in light of the title change from Unit Director on Millstone Unit No. 1. Accordingly, this letter provides information on the functions and responsibilities of the Director, Unit Operations for Millstone Unit No. 1. The Director, Unit Operations is consistent with the position referred to in ANS/ANSI-3.1/N18.1-1971 as plant manager.

The individual filling this position must have ten (10) years of responsible power plant experience of which a minimum of three must be nuclear power plant experience. In addition, the Director, Unit Operations shall have a baccalaureate or higher degree in an engineering or scientific field generally associated with power production, and shall have acquired the experience and training normally required for examination for a Senior Reactor Operator license candidate. The current Director, Unit Operations for Millstone Unit No. 1 meets the qualifications for this position.

The Director, Unit Operations reports to the Recovery Officer Millstone Unit No. 1. The Director, Unit Operations is responsible for operation of the unit. The scope of responsibilities for the Director, Unit Operations are consistent with the requirements currently stated for the Nuclear Unit Director in the currently approved Technical Specifications, section 6.0, Administrative Controls.

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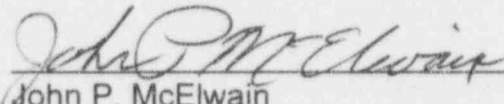
The Unit No. 1 Plant Operations Review Committee advises the Director, Unit Operations on all matters related to nuclear safety. Additionally the Director, Unit Operations serves as a member of the Site Operations Review Committee for the Millstone site.

In summary, the position of Director, Unit Operations is consistent with the responsibilities stated for the Nuclear Unit Director in the Millstone Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications, Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Emergency Plan, and the Quality Assurance Program Topical Report. The 10CFR50.59 evaluations have been performed to support initiating a change request to the UFSAR.

By our letter of February 3, 1997, NNECO has applied for a license amendment to revise Section 6 of the Millstone Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications to be consistent with this title change. Please contact R. Walpole at (860) 440-2191 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

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