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Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

**Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit 3**  
**Millstone Unit 3 Readiness-for-Restart Schedule**

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) in a letter dated December 31, 1996, provided the NRC Staff with the schedule for the completion of Millstone Unit No. 3 Group 1 and Group 2 systems' System Specific Assessments (SSAs). Additionally, NNECO committed to keep the NRC informed on our progress.

The purpose of this letter is to update the information contained in our December 31, 1996 letter. The current schedule has one-half of the Group I systems' SSAs planned for completion before the end of April 1997, and the completion of the review of these SSA's by our Nuclear Oversight organization by May 8, 1997. The current schedule indicates that the beginning of the Independent Corrective Action Verification Program will begin on May 9, 1997 which will modify our commitment B16118-1 to May 1997. The remaining Group I and Group II systems' SSAs are scheduled for completion by mid-July 1997.

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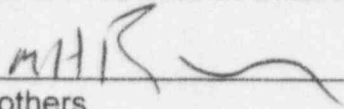
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We are continuing to evaluate the impact of some recently identified design changes on our schedule. We will continue to provide periodic updates on our progress.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Mr. J.M. Peschel, (860) 437-5840.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

  
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Attachment 1  
Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit 3  
NNECO's Commitments

February 1997

Enclosure  
List of Regulatory Commitments

The following table identifies those actions committed to by NNECO in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by NNECO. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Manager - Nuclear Licensing at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit No. 3 of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

Commitment		Committed Date or Outage
B16118-1	Completion of one-half of the System Specific Assessments (SSAs) for Group I systems.	May 1997