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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1
Annual Report Regarding Challenges to Relief and Safety Valves

A Confirmatory Order issued to Millstone Unit No. 1 Operating License DPR-21 on July 7, 1981, as revised on July 1, 1985, requires an annual report be submitted documenting the number of safety and relief valve challenges and failures. This is documented in the discussion regarding TMI Action Plan Item II.K.3.3. The purpose of this letter is to submit the required annual report.

During 1999, there were no challenges to the Millstone Unit No. 1 relief or safety valves. This is the last annual report that is planned to be submitted regarding challenges to the Millstone Unit No. 1 relief and safety valves. On July 21, 1998, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) informed the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that Millstone Unit No. 1 had permanently ceased operations and that the fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor vessel. As a result of this fundamental change in the unit's licensing basis, NNECO has determined that the Confirmatory Orders are no longer appropriate. Thus, in a separate submittal, NNECO will be proposing, in accordance with 10CFR50.90, to remove the Confirmatory Orders.

There are no regulatory commitments contained within this letter.

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If the NRC Staff should have any question or comments on this report, please contact Mr. Bryan Ford at (860) 437-5895.

Very truly yours,

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