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NRC STAFF RESCHEDULES INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING IN WATERFORD, CT

     The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold an
informal public hearing on Monday evening, April 8, at the
Waterford Town Hall, regarding the petition filed concerning
Northeast Utilities' Millstone Nuclear Power Station in
Waterford, Connecticut, and Seabrook Station near Portsmouth, New
Hampshire. The NRC staff is collecting further information from
the petitioners, NU and the public, to be used in evaluating the
petition. This informal public hearing, which was rescheduled
from March 7 because of inclement weather, will be limited to
information relevant to issues raised in the petition and its
supplement.

     On August 21, 1995, a petition was submitted to the NRC on
behalf of George Galatis and the citizen's group, We the People,
Inc. The petitioners alleged that NU has knowingly, willingly
and flagrantly operated Millstone Unit 1 in violation of its
operating license for approximately 20 years. In an August 28
supplement, Mr. Galatis alleged that NU also committed violations
by offloading more than one-third of the fuel core at Millstone
Units 2 and 3 and Seabrook. The petition and its supplement also
listed other allegations.

     The informal public hearing will be held from 6 p.m. until
10 p.m. The agenda begins with NRC opening remarks, followed by
a presentation by the petitioner, then the licensee, and then
public comments. The informal public hearing will conclude with
final statements by the licensee and the petitioners.

     Members of the public interested in presenting information
should notify Stephen Dembek, at 301/415-1455, at least five
working days prior to the hearing. If you registered to speak at
the previously scheduled informal hearing, you do not need to
register again.

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