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Office of the Secretary, Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in opposition to the application by Northeast Nuclear to increase the capacity (through the addition of high-density storage racks) of the spent fuel storage pool of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, in New London County, Connecticut. In sum, this proposal should be prohibited because it is too great a risk to the public.

The proposal will make the Millstone spent fuel pool a high level waste repository in direct violation of safety regulations. Moreover, the fuel pool was simply not designed for this purpose and this greatly increases the chance of an accident that could release long lived radioactive substances.

I am opposed to this proposal because the proposed activity significantly increases the probability of a criticality accident in the spent fuel pool, and the proposed activity significantly increases the probability that the spent fuel pool water temperature will exceed the structural qualification temperature and reach the boiling point.

The risk of this proposal far outweighs the benefit. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is required to ensure, through its licensing and regulatory functions, that the generation and transmission of nuclear power does not unreasonably threaten the public welfare. This increase in capacity (through the addition of high-density storage racks) of the spent fuel storage pool will unreasonably threaten the public welfare.

Sincerely,

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