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**RE: In the matter of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Docket No. 50-423-LA-3;
ASLBP No. 00-771-01-LA**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the application by Northeast Nuclear to increase the capacity of the spent fuel storage pool of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 in New London County, Connecticut. This increased capacity will be achieved through the addition of high-density storage racks. This proposal should be prohibited, in short, because it is too great a risk to the public.

As a New York State Assemblyman, it is my job to help ensure the safety and well being of my constituency. Should the application by the Millstone Nuclear Power Station be approved, the lives of my electorate may be placed in grave danger. The Millstone Reactor lies within fifty miles of a half a million New Yorkers, and for most residents of the Peconic Region, just outside the ten-mile federal limit for an evacuation plan.

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

I am opposed to this application because the proposed activity significantly increases the probability of a critical accident in the spent fuel pool. This proposal also 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 application far outweighs the benefit. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is required to ensure, through its licensing and regulatory

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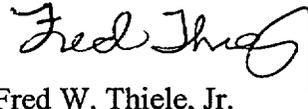
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functions, that the generation and transmission of nuclear power does not unreasonably threaten the public welfare. This increase in capacity, through the addition of high-density storage racks, of the spent fuel storage pool will unreasonably threaten the public welfare.

Please help me help my constituency by denying the application of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you in your decision making process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Thiele, Jr." with a vertical line extending from the end of the signature.

Fred W. Thiele, Jr.
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Re: In the Matter of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
Docket No. 50-423-LA-3 and ASLBP No. 00-771-01-LA

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

We are opposed to this proposal because the proposed activity significantly increases the probability of an 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.

Furthermore, the heavy reliance on increased administrative controls and employee diligence to maintain proper chemical concentrations is dangerous.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kozakiewicz
Town Supervisor

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY) Docket No. 50-423-LA-3
COMPANY)
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(Millstone Nuclear Power Station,)
Unit No. 3))

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LIMITED APPEARANCE STATEMENTS (2) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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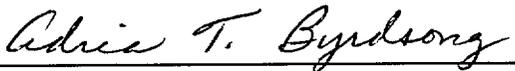
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