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Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Subject: Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1, Docket No. 50-245
Response to Petition for Rulemaking Regarding 10 CFR 72

In Volume 65, Number 112 of the Federal Register, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested public comments regarding a petition for rulemaking filed by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). The petition requested that the NRC regulations governing storage of spent nuclear fuel be amended to establish a more efficient process for issuing and amending certificates of compliance (COC) for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel under a general license. Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) agrees with NEI's position that the current process is burdensome. NEI's proposed process will be a significant improvement. It will be a more efficient process for issuing and amending COCs for dry cask storage under a general license. Additionally, the proposed process continues to ensure that the public has an opportunity to participate.

NNECO requests the NRC to act promptly on this petition by amending 10 CFR 72. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Bryan S. Ford at (860) 437-5895.

Very truly yours,

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