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MEMORANDUM TO: Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION POTENTIALLY RELEVANT AND
MATERIAL TO BOARD PROCEEDING IN THE MATTER OF
MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

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The staff accepted the full-core offload T/H analysis as applicable to NNECO's application (dated March 19, 1999) for a proposed increase in the SFP capacity (from 756 to 1860 spent fuel assemblies) and concluded that there will be adequate cooling of the SFP. The staff is currently evaluating other aspects of the proposed increase in SFP capacity as a separate review in response to NNECO's March 19, 1999, application.

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