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RE: 10 CFR 50.90

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

**Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3  
License Amendment Request - Unreviewed Safety Question  
Proposed Revision to Final Safety Analysis Report Installation of a New Sump Pump  
System in the Engineered Safety Features Building (PLAR 3-00-2)  
Revised Answer to Question 2 in the Significant Hazards Consideration**

In a letter dated June 30, 2000,<sup>(1)</sup> Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) submitted a License Amendment Request associated with the installation of a new sump pump system in the Engineered Safety Features Building (ESFB). This design change, which involves an unreviewed safety question (USQ), is necessary because the current safety-related sump pumps have proven unreliable. In a conference call with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted on August 31, 2000, it was identified that the response to Question 2 contained in the letter dated June 30, 2000, did not support the conclusion that the proposed new system would not create a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated accident. NNECO has revised the response to Question 2 of the Significant Hazards Consideration (SHC). The revised response to Question 2 is included in Attachment 1 to this letter. The revision to Question 2 response will not affect the conclusions of the Safety Summary or the Significant Hazards Consideration contained in NNECO's letter dated June 30, 2000. Additionally, there are no other changes to any other aspect of the previous submittal.

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<sup>(1)</sup> R. P. Necci letter to the NRC, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, License Amendment Request - Unreviewed Safety Question, Proposed Revision to Final Safety Analysis Report, Installation of a New Sump Pump System in the Engineered Safety Features Building (PLAR 3-00-2)," dated June 30, 2000.

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There are no regulatory commitments contained within this letter.

If you should have any questions on the above, please contact Mr. Ravi Joshi at (860) 440-2080.

Very truly yours,

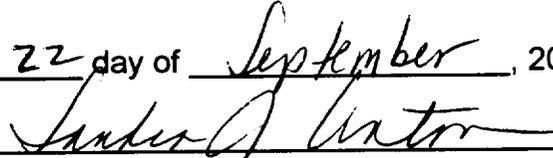
NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY



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Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 22 day of September, 2000

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MAY 31, 2005**

Attachments (1)

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Attachment 1

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3

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2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

This license amendment request is associated with the installation of a new sump pump system in the ESFB. The current and new sump pump systems are not accident initiators since neither system is connected to, and both are fully independent of any system that could cause an accident to occur. The new system, which collects groundwater from beneath the Containment Structure and ESFB, is a support system for the RSS and the containment protective boundary, which are design basis accident mitigation design features. Therefore, the proposed changes will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.