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

**Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2  
Schedule Change to Generic Letter 96-05 Program Commitment  
to Support Modified Risk Ranking Approach for Motor-Operated Valves**

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) is revising the schedule associated with a commitment that was made in support of the Motor-Operated Valve (MOV) Periodic Verification (PV) Program. Specifically, NNECO is revising the schedule associated with implementing an MOV risk ranking methodology. NNECO originally issued the commitment in response to Generic Letter 96-05 in letter dated May 24, 1999.<sup>(1)</sup> The schedule was previously revised in letter dated May 25, 2000.<sup>(2)</sup>

The change alters only the schedule for completion of the original commitment's two tasks, previously scheduled for completion by December 31, 2000. The first task relates to the initial implementation of the methodology for risk ranking. NNECO has developed Millstone Unit No. 2 plant specific MOV risk rankings for presentation to the maintenance rule expert panel. The expert panel review and any required revisions will be completed by January 31, 2001. The second task involves NNECO's comparison of Unit No. 2 MOV risk rankings to other similar Combustion Engineering (CE) plants. Additional time is necessary to allow for data collection, evaluation and any further maintenance rule expert panel reviews that may be necessary to reconcile affected Unit No. 2 MOV risk rankings. This work scope is expected to be completed prior to the start of Unit No. 2 refueling outage 14, which is currently scheduled for Spring of 2002.

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<sup>(1)</sup> NNECO Letter from R. P. Necci, "Reply to a Request for Additional Information (RAI) Concerning Information Regarding the Generic Letter 96-05 Program at Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2 (TAC No. M97068)," May 24, 1999, (B17787).

<sup>(2)</sup> NNECO Letter from R. P. Necci, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, Schedule Change to Generic Letter 96-05 Program Commitments to Support Modified Risk Ranking Approach for Motor-Operated Valves," dated May 25, 2000, (B18094).

The regulatory commitments contained in this letter are located in Attachment 1.

Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. David W. Dodson at (860) 447-1791, extension 2346.

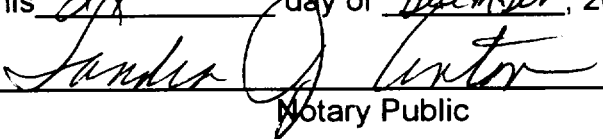
Very truly yours,

**NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY**

  
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Raymond P. Necci  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000

  
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Attachments (1)

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Attachment 1

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2

List of Regulatory Commitments

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The following table identifies actions committed to by NNECO in this document.

| Number    | Commitments  | Due                          |
|-----------|--|------------------------------|
| B18293-01 | The Generic Letter 96-05 Program for Millstone Unit No. 2 will utilize the WOG methodology for risk ranking by January 31, 2001, as has been presented in the WOG Engineering Report V-EC-1658-A (Revision 2, dated August 13, 1998), "Risk Ranking Approach for Motor-Operated Valves in Response to Generic Letter 96-05." | January 31, 2001             |
| B18293-02 | NNECO will also compare the list of Millstone Unit No. 2 high risk MOVs to other Combustion Engineering plants.  | Prior to Refueling Outage 14 |