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Northeast Nuclear Energy Company & North Atlantic Energy Service Company
Millstone and Seabrook Nuclear Power Stations
Comments on Changes to Quality Assurance Programs
Direct Final Rule, Amendment to 10 CFR 50.54(a)
(64 Fed. Reg. P. 9035 - February 23, 1999)

This letter provides the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) and North Atlantic Energy Service Company (North Atlantic) comments on the Direct Final Rule, Changes to Quality Assurance Programs, Amendment to 10 CFR 50.54(a) (64 Fed. Reg. P. 9035 - February 23, 1999).

NNECO and North Atlantic have reviewed the comments submitted separately by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear energy industry and endorses those comments. NNECO and North Atlantic are encouraged by the NRC action of the direct final rule which will provide greater flexibility to make selected improvements in our quality assurance programs, without prior NRC approval. Therefore, we have no adverse comments on the direct final rule.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Regulatory Compliance Manager, at (603) 773-7194.

Very truly yours,

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