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Dear Mr. Mroczka:

SUBJECT: CONTAINMENT LEAK RATE TESTING (TAC NO. 66864)

The Commission has forwarded the enclosed "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Prior Hearing" to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

This notice relates to your application dated December 28, 1987, as supplemented by your letter dated January 5, 1988, concerning standards for conducting containment leak rate testing and the error analysis associated with these tests.

Sincerely,

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David H. Jaffe, Project Manager
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONNORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL.DOCKET NO. 50-336NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-65 issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. (the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, located in New London County, Connecticut.

By application for license amendment dated December 28, 1987, as supplemented by letter dated January 5, 1988, the licensee requested changes to Millstone Unit 2 Technical Specification (TS) 4.6.1.2, "Containment Leakage" as follows: (1) the reference to ANSI Standard N45.4-1972 would be deleted and (2) the error analysis requirements would be modified to allow the use of alternate methods. The above changes to the TS have been proposed by the licensee to allow for use of ANSI/ANS Standard 56.8-1981 for "mass point" determination of containment leakage rate and for addressing the inherent errors associated with such testing.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

By February 10, 1988, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to the issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and

who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Request for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceedings. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceedings; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceedings; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendments under consideration. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 324-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to John F. Stolz: (Petitioner's name and telephone number), (date petition was mailed), (plant name), and (publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice). A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Washington, D.C. 20555 and to Gerald Garfield, Esquire, Day, Berry and Howard, Counselors at Law, City Place, Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3499, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 28, 1987, as supplemented by the letter of January 5, 1988. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut 06103.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 5th day of January 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. H. Jaffe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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