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ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION IN UPCOMING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
RELATED TO RELIEF REQUEST RR-89-43
FOR TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL NOZZLE SEAL ASSEMBLIES ON
PRESSURIZER HEATER PENETRATION NOZZLES
MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2
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By letter dated August 11, 2003, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee), submitted proposed relief request RR-89-43 for Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 2 (MP2). The proposed alternative requests approval for the temporary use of Mechanical Nozzle Seal Assemblies (MNSAs) in the repair of degraded pressurizer heater nozzles. A previous alternative was authorized for use of MNSAs on two specific pressurizer heater penetration nozzles at MP2 on March 22, 2002, with a corrected Safety Evaluation being issued on June 19, 2002. The proposed alternative would be applicable to the remaining pressurizer heater penetration nozzles.

The NRC staff has reviewed the information the licensee provided that supports the proposed relief request and would like to discuss the following issue to clarify the submittal dated August 11, 2003:

1. Section 6.0 of the Relief Request states, in part, that: "Prior to exceeding two operating cycles, MNSAs will be removed and appropriate repair or replacement activities will be implemented." Provide the schedule for submitting long term repair/replacement solutions to the NRC for the two pressurizer heater penetration nozzles which presently utilize MNSAs.