

October 2, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Larry Camper, Director
Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

FROM: Ho Nieh, Acting Director */RA by John Lubinski for/*
Division of Policy and Rulemaking
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: MILLSTONE UNIT 1 - TRANSFER OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT
RESPONSIBILITIES

On October 1, 2006, project management for Millstone Unit 1, was transferred from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, to your organization. This change was made to consolidate the NRC decommissioning activities into one central organization.

Millstone Unit 1 was shut down on November 4, 1995, and transfer of the spent fuel to the pool was completed on November 19, 1995. On July 17, 1998, the licensee decided to cease operations. Certifications per 10 CFR Part 50.82(a) were submitted July 21, 1998. The owner's current plan is to leave the plant in safe storage and delayed dismantling (SAFSTOR) until the Unit 2 license expires. The owner submitted its required post-shutdown decommissioning activities report (PSDAR) on June 14, 1999, and has chosen a combination of the strategy for prompt decommissioning (DECON) and SAFSTOR options. NRC conducted public meetings in Waterford, CT, on the decommissioning process on February 9, 1999, and on the PSDAR on August 25, 1999. Owner responsibility for the Millstone site was transferred from Northeast Utilities to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut on March 31, 2001. Unit 1 has established a spent fuel pool island including those systems required to support safe storage of spent fuel. The balance of systems not required to support the facility have been abandoned. Irradiated reactor vessel components not able to eventually be disposed of with the reactor vessel have been removed.

The staff has reviewed the guidance in NRR Office Instruction COM-101, "NRR Interfaces with NMSS," and finds that Millstone Unit 1 is in a safe, stable condition and can be transferred to the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, NMSS (NMSS/DWMEP). The safety and regulatory milestones identified in COM-101 have been met and no open items remain that would preclude the transfer of the facility.

The NRR staff reviewed the items listed in Appendix C, "The Checklist," of COM-101 and determined that there are no open issues for Millstone Unit 1. We have completed the transfer of documents and files to your staff, and coordination of future activities will be pursuant to COM-101.

Joe Golla, Project Manager, at 415-1002, will provide support to your staff as requested and has informed the licensee that NMSS/DWMEP will now provide regulatory oversight of its facility.

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