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Docket No. 50-336

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
ATTN: Mr. E. J. Mroczka
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Enforcement Discretion Regarding Containment Integrity During
Inoperability of the Emergency Diesel Generators

This letter is in response to your November 9, 1989 letter (copy attached) requesting enforcement discretion, and confirms the telephone conversation of November 10, 1989 between Mr. Jeffrey Smith and other members of your staff and Mr. Thomas T. Martin and other members of my staff granting your request. This request was for one-time enforcement discretion regarding containment integrity requirements due to the administrative inoperability of the emergency diesel generators that occurred at 6:45 p.m. on November 9, when the service water pump discharge strainers were determined analytically to be not qualified to appropriate seismic criteria.

Specifically, for the reasons described in your letter and discussed in that telephone conversation, this action grants relief from Millstone 2 Technical Specification 3.8.2.2, "A.C. Distribution - Shutdown" requirements to establish containment integrity per Technical Specification 1.8.2, regarding closure and sealing of the containment equipment hatch within 8 hours from the loss of diesel operability.

In lieu of full closure of the hatch, you propose to implement procedures and administrative controls that you established in response to Generic Letter 88-17 "Loss of Decay Heat Removal" that would assure containment closure within 122 minutes. It is our understanding that the electrical buses referenced in Technical Specification 3.8.2.2 will remain energized from sources of power other than a diesel generator and that diesel generator power will remain available to the buses. This enforcement discretion specifically applies to the alternate method of containment closure and authorizes an extension of the time the plant may continue with cold shutdown activities without full containment closure while the diesels are administratively inoperable.

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This discretion will remain in effect until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 1989, unless you contact this office before that time and present justification for an extension.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Thomas T. Martin

William T. Russell
Regional Administrator

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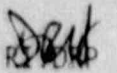
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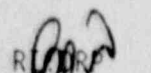
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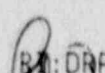
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