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Docket No. 50-245

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Northeast Nuclear Energy Company ATTN: Mr. W. G. Counsil Senior Vice President - Nuclear Engineering and Operations P. O. Box 270 Hartford, Connecticut 06101

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-245/80-23

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. K. Plumlee of this office on November 5-7 and December 12-14, 1980 at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-21 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Plumlee with Mr. E. Mroczka and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980.

Items A1 and A2 in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter were identified during previous inspections of your licensed activities on April 23, 1980 and February 12, 1979, and were documented in the enclosure to our letters dated June 26, 1980 and March 20, 1979. Your letters to this office dated July 22, 1980 and April 12, 1979 stated that you provided administrative counselling to the worker who failed to wear his assigned dosimeters; and verified the posting of Radioactive Materials Areas of the station. From our November 5-7 and December 12-14, 1980 inspection, it appears that the stated corrective actions were not fully effective since these items have recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected items of noncompliance are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur. Northeast Nuclear Energy Company

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

George H. Smith.

Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report Number 50-245/80-23

cc w/encls:

- E. J. Mroczka, Station Superintendent
- J. F. Opeka, System Superintendent, Nuclear Operations
- D. G. Diedrick, Manager of Quality Assurance
- J. R. Himmelwright, Licensing Safeguards Engineer