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Docket No. 50-245  
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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attn: Mr. Dennis M. Crutchfield, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #5  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

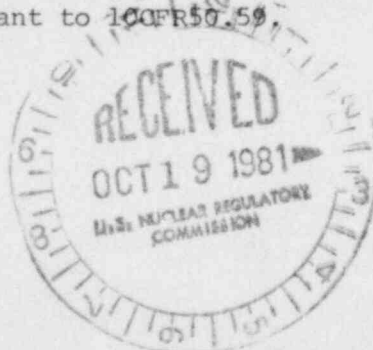
Reference: (1) W. G. Counsil letter to D. G. Eisenhut, dated June 30, 1981.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1  
Proposed Technical Specification Change  
TMI Action Plan Item II.K.3.27  
Common Water Level Reference

In Reference (1), Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) informed the NRC Staff that we intended to establish a common water level reference of 482.5 inches above the bottom of the reactor vessel to comply with Item II.K.3.27 of 10CFR50.90. This choice presents minimal impact on plant operations since it is presently the zero reference for instrumentation used during normal plant operating conditions. To establish such a common water level reference, plant modifications to change applicable instrumentation scales on the control boards are planned. In order to implement these changes, a revision to current Technical Specifications is necessary. Therefore, pursuant to 10CFR50.90, NNECO hereby proposes to amend its operating license for Millstone Unit No. 1 (DPR-21) by incorporating the attached change into the Millstone Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications.

The enclosed "Description of Change and Safety Evaluation Summary" should provide sufficient information for the NRC Staff to review and approve the recommended change to the Technical Specifications. The off-site Nuclear Review Board has reviewed and approved this proposed change and has determined that this change does not constitute any unreviewed safety questions pursuant to 10CFR50.59.



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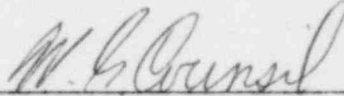
Since neither the actual reactor vessel water level for the containment spray interlock trip nor any instrumentation is being changed, NNECO has concluded that the proposed change is administrative in nature and has no safety or environmental significance. Therefore, pursuant to 10CFR170.22, this change constitutes a Class II amendment. Accordingly, enclosed is payment in the amount of \$1200 (twelve hundred dollars).

As indicated in Reference (1), NNECO intends to complete the required plant modifications as well as corresponding procedural changes within one (1) month after NRC Staff approval of the attached proposed Technical Specification change.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. G. Council", is written over a horizontal line.

W. G. Council  
Senior Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )

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COUNTY OF HARTFORD )

Then personally appeared before me W. G. Council, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Senior Vice President of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, a Licensee herein, that he is authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name and on behalf of the Licensees herein and that the statements contained in said information are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*Shirley M. Oates*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 31, 1986