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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attn: Mr. R. Reid, Chief
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

References: (1) W. G. Council letter to R. Reid dated December 18, 1978.
(2) W. G. Council letter to R. Reid dated January 24, 1979.
(3) D. C. Switzer letter to G. Lear dated February 10, 1978.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Sleeved CEA Guide Tube Inspection Program

In References (1) and (2), Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) provided the Millstone Unit No. 2 Sleeved Guide Tube Inspection Program. Reference (1) also transmitted CEN-104(N)-P which discussed the general inspection program objectives, criteria for assembly selection, and elements of the examination program itself.

The purpose of this letter is to supplement References (1) and (2) by providing a more detailed description of the proposed inspection program. The program objectives of Reference (1) have been applied to the Millstone Unit No. 2 core configuration. Accordingly, Attachment 1 describes the general background of guide tube wear, inspections, and sleeving at Millstone Unit No. 2 during the first cycle of operation and the subsequent refueling outage. Core maps for Cycles 1 through 3 have been included to illustrate the locations of sleeved assemblies during Cycles 1 and 2 and to indicate the configuration for Cycle 3 operation. Also, the specific assemblies to be inspected and methods have been provided.

The Staffs of Northeast Utilities Service Company and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company remain available to discuss any aspect of this program at your request.

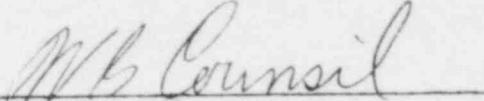
Due to the proprietary nature of the material contained in Attachment 1, NNECO requests that the attached material be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 10CFR2.790 and that this material be safeguarded. The reasons for the classification of this material as proprietary

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are delineated in the affidavit provided in Reference (3). Certain information contained in Reference (3) is being repeated in the attached material for NRC Staff convenience at your request.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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

W. G. Council
Vice President

Attachment