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Docket No. 50-245

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Dear Mr. Mrocza:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM ASME CODE SECTION XI REQUIREMENTS -
MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. 76782)

In a letter dated May 7, 1990, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) requested relief from the requirements of Section XI of the ASME Code as it applies to a repair made to the body of Service Water System Valve 1-SW-7A at Millstone Unit 1. We have reviewed this request and prepared the enclosed safety evaluation. We have determined that the repair requirements are impractical for valve 1-SW-7A for which relief is being granted and, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), that the granting of relief is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. In making this determination, we have given due consideration to the burden that could result if those requirements are imposed on your facility. This letter grants the relief.

By letter dated April 20, 1990, NNECO provided information on its Service Water System piping repair procedures. On June 15, 1990, the NRC issued Generic Letter 90-05, "Guidance for Performing Temporary Non-Code Repair of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 Piping," in which it is stated that the staff continues to find temporary non-code repairs unacceptable without specific written relief granted by the NRC. In light of the specific information provided in the generic letter, the staff will not provide a separate response to the April 20th letter.

Sincerely,

/s/

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