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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 89

TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-49

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL.

MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

DOCKET NO. 50-423

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated September 24, 1993, the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Millstone Nuclear Power station, Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would remove the listing of "Enclosure Building Bypass Leakage Paths" from the Technical Specifications, and would make a number of editorial changes.

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee has proposed to remove Table 3.6-1 "Enclosure Building Bypass Leakage Paths," that is referenced in TS 3.6.1.2 and locate it in Operating Procedure 3273 (OP-3273), "Technical Requirements - Supplementary Technical Specifications." With the relocation of this table, the licensee has proposed to modify the limiting condition for operation (LCO) on containment leakage rates to state the limit specified by TS 3.6.1.2.c as the following:

A combined leakage rate of less than or equal to  $0.42 L_a$  for all penetrations that are enclosure building bypass leakage paths when pressurized to  $P_a$ .

Operability and surveillance requirements in the TS remain unchanged. This change is consistent with the guidance in Generic Letter 91-08 and is, therefore, acceptable.

Amendment 28 to the Technical Specifications, dated December 19, 1988, relocated lists of Containment Penetration Conductor Overcurrent Protective Devices and Motor-Operated Valve Thermal Overload Protection from the TS to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR).

The licensee has proposed changes to the Bases Sections for the location of the lists of Containment Penetration Conductor Overcurrent Protective Devices and Motor-Operated Valve Thermal Overload Protection and the list of Enclosure Building Bypass Leakage Paths as well as the Enclosure Building Bypass Paths. The changes replace references to the FSAR with references to operating procedure OP-3273. OP-3273 is subject to the change control provisions for

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plant procedures in the Administrative Controls Section of the TS. Revisions to OP-3273 must be reviewed in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59. OP-3273 is revised more frequently (i.e., whenever revisions are required) than the FSAR which is revised annually. The changes reflect plant information on a more current basis than does the FSAR, and are consistent with Generic Letter 91-08 and are, therefore, acceptable.

Changes to TS 4.4.5.3 delete the words requiring inservice inspection within the first 24 months of initial criticality, or in the case of steam generator inspection as late as September 30, 1993. Now that this inspection has been performed, deletion of the TS words changes no active requirements, but merely removes extraneous verbiage.

The balance of the proposed changes make various editorial corrections to the Millstone Unit No. 3 TS. For example, a change to make the numbering of sections consistent, removal of a blank page, and correction of typographical errors. These changes are designed to improve overall clarity and quality within the Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications. The nature of these changes is purely editorial and do not affect safety. Because the changes improve the clarity of the Technical Specifications and do not affect safety, they are acceptable.

### 3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Connecticut State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

### 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (58 FR 59752). Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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