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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Fire Protection Commitment Non-Compliance

The purpose of this submittal is to inform the NRC Staff that Millstone Unit No. 3 did not comply with the intent of a fire protection commitment made in submittals dated October 1, 1985,⁽¹⁾ October 21, 1985,⁽²⁾ and November 4, 1985,⁽³⁾ regarding the cable separation provisions of NRC Branch Technical Position (BTP) CMEB 9.5-1. Upon becoming aware of the condition in 1993, Millstone Unit No. 3 took prompt corrective action by posting a fire watch until a long-term corrective action to provide proper cable separation was completed. Also, the NRC resident inspectors were informed of this condition.

In the referenced submittals, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) committed to route the cables for one of the motor control center and rod control room air conditioning units out of Fire Area AB-1 in order to meet the separation provisions of BTP CMEB 9.5-1. NNECO believed that the appropriate cables had been rerouted prior to the original start-up of Millstone Unit No. 3. However, an internal review discovered that a temperature control cable associated with 3HVR*ACU1B was still routed in Fire Area AB-1. This cable contains conductors that are part of the "stop" control of the air conditioning circuitry.

On May 30, 1993, Millstone Unit No. 3 established a fire watch to patrol Fire Area AB-1. This fire watch remained in effect until the subject cable was

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- (1) J. F. Opeka letter to B. J. Youngblood, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, Response to SER Open Item (14.3), Request for Deviations from BTP CMEB 9.5-1," dated October 1, 1985.
 - (2) J. F. Opeka letter to B. J. Youngblood, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, Response to SER Open Item 14.3, Request for Deviation from BTP CMEB 9.5-1," dated October 21, 1985.
 - (3) J. F. Opeka letter to B. J. Youngblood, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, Revised Responses to the Fire Protection Audit Open Items and Additional Information to the Request for Deviation from BTP CMEB 9.5-1," dated November 4, 1985.

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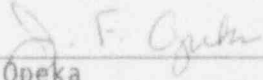
rerouted during the 1993 Refueling Outage. With this action, Millstone Unit No. 3 satisfied the original commitments in the referenced submittals.

In addition, this condition was evaluated under Nuclear Engineering and Operations Procedure NEO 2.25, "Operability and Reportability Evaluations (10CFR50.72, 10CFR50.73, and 10CFR50.9(b))." The condition was not determined to be reportable.

Should the NRC Staff have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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