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Docket No. 50-245
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Re: Technical Specification 3.12

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

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1
Removal of Fire Detection System
From Technical Specifications

By letter dated October 12, 1990,⁽¹⁾ Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) responded to a Severity Level V violation relating to surveillance testing of the Millstone Unit No. 1 gas turbine enclosure fire detection system nonsupervised circuit. In its response, NNECO stated that a license amendment request to remove this fire detection system from the technical specifications was being evaluated and would be submitted by December 31, 1990, if warranted. The purpose of this letter is to provide the current status of this issue.

The license amendment request has been initiated and is undergoing in-house technical review. NNECO is reviewing the merits of the request, both in the context of its impact on plant safety and also with respect to the recommendations contained in Generic Letter 86-10 for removal of all specific fire protection requirements from the technical specifications. In addition, NNECO is considering the option of making a design change and subsequent modification to the system to provide a supervised circuit in lieu of the existing nonsupervised circuit. The modification is being evaluated for implementation during the 1991 refueling outage.

NNECO will consider the options carefully and determine the most prudent course of action. We believe that all required corrective actions associated with the violation have been completed. As such, the options mentioned above are considered NNECO initiatives and no NRC review or approval is requested at this time. We will inform the Staff of our determination in this matter by mid-1991.

(1) E. J. Mroczka letter to T. T. Martin, "Response to Notice of Violation--Inspection Report 50-245/90-12," dated October 12, 1990.

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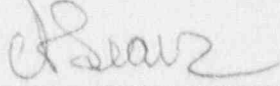
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If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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