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Docket No. 50-423

Mr. Edward J. Mroczka Senior Vice President Nuclear Engineering and Operations Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company Northeast Nuclear Energy Company Post Office Box 270 Hartford, Connecticut 06141-0270

Dear Mr. Mroczka:

SUBJECT: FIRST TEN-YEAR PROGRAM PLAN AND INSERVICE INSPECTION RELIEF REQUESTS, MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3 (TAC NO. 60385)

By letter dated May 22, 1986, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (licensee) submitted to the NRC the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3 Inservice Inspection Program Plan. The program plan was submitted for review and evaluation of its compliance with the requirements of the 1983 Edit is through Summer 1983 Addenda of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, regulations, and plant Technical Specifications.

The NRC staff, with technical assistance from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), has reviewed and evaluated the program plan, additional information provided, and requests for relief from requirements that the licensee determined to be impractical to perform at the facility. Our Safety Evaluation is contained in Enclosure 1. Based on the information submitted, the staff agrees with the contractor's conclusions and recommendations presented in the Technical Evaluation Report (TER), Enclosure 2. We have determined that the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3 is in compliance with the requirements cited above. We have determined that certain Section XI Code requirements cited by the licensee are impractical to perform at this time. In such instances we have granted relief from those requirements. A summary of the requirements and the basis for granting the relief requests are contained in Enclosures 1 and 2.

Based on the review summarized in Enclosures 1 and 2, the staff concludes that the reliefs granted through this document give reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), we find the reliefs requested may be granted. The reliefs are authorized by

law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

Sincerely,

John F. Stolz, Director Project Directorate 1-4 Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures: As stated

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