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Docket No. 50-423

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company  
ATTN: Mr. W. G. Council  
Senior Vice President - Nuclear  
Engineering and Operations Group  
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Hartford, Connecticut 06101

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-423/84-04

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. P. Durr of this office on March 5-16, 1984 at Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, Waterford, Connecticut of activities authorized by NRC License No. CPPR-113 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. J. P. Durr with yourself at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, observations and measurements made by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In addition to the apparent violation discussed above and in Appendix A, "Notice of Violation", findings of this inspection also indicate that strengths and weaknesses exist in your construction program. These areas are discussed in Appendix B, "Significant Observations". You are requested to inform this office within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter of the results of actions you have taken or plan to take to improve your construction program in the area of the apparent program weaknesses identified in Appendix B.

The results of this inspection indicate several potential violations which are identified in the report as unresolved items. All of these items are in the area of design practices employed by your architect-engineer. In your response to the foregoing violations and weaknesses, indicate what actions you intend to initiate to resolve these unresolved issues and further assure yourself these are isolated cases.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notices are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

*for Stewart D. Ebner*  
Thomas T. Martin, Director  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B, Other Significant Findings
3. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-423/84-04

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