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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Action Plan Update for Spent Resin Tank Remediation

In a letter dated October 18, 1995,¹ Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) committed to submit upon management approval, the course of action to address the remediation of the Millstone Unit No. 2 Spent Resin Tank. In a letter dated December 13, 1995,² NNECO informed the NRC Staff that a Project Lead had been assigned, a review of the current installation is underway, and an overall project plan is being developed. In addition, NNECO emphasized that this item is being given a high level of management attention and had been added to Millstone Unit No. 2's Top 10 List. The purpose of this letter is to provide the NRC Staff with an update on the current activities in progress to resolve the issues with the Spent Resin Tank.

In the course of review of these issues and during the preliminary development of a project plan, it was determined that definitive actions to remediate the Spent Resin Tank could not be determined until the tank was fully accessible and opened for inspection. In order to fully develop a comprehensive project plan, certain specific milestones must be accomplished such as: (1) Empty and drain the contents of the tank, (2) Penetrate the shield wall to gain access to the tank area, (3) Perform a comprehensive survey of the radiological conditions of the area and tank, and (4) Inspect the interior material condition of the Spent Resin Tank.

¹ J. F. Opeka letter to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Action Plans for Radwaste Observations in NRC Inspection Report", dated October 13, 1995.

² D. B. Miller letter to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, NRC Inspection 50-245/95-35; 50-336/95-35; 50-423/95-35, Response to a Request For Additional Information", dated December 13, 1995.

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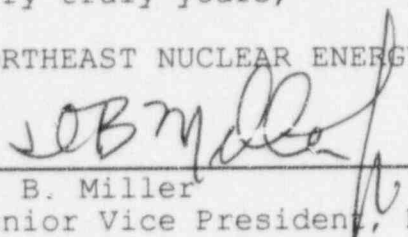
Activities are currently underway in support of the above identified milestones.

Once these milestones have been achieved, the formulated options will be evaluated and a course of action that is consistent with NNECO's ALARA practices and contributes to the safe and continued operation of the Millstone Unit No. 2 radwaste processing system will be determined. We anticipate that this course of action will be identified and available for the NRC Staff's review by April 15, 1996. As previously stated, NNECO will submit this course of action to the NRC Staff upon management approval.

If the NRC Staff should have any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. William E. Hutchins at (860) 440-2132.

Very truly yours,

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