

April 26, 1996

Mr. Ted C. Feigenbaum
Executive Vice President - Nuclear
Northeast Utilities Service Company
c/o Mr. Terry L. Harpster
P. O. Box 128
Waterford, CT 06385

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-336/94-80

Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

NRC Inspection 50-336/94-80 was conducted at Millstone Unit 2 from June 27 - July 8, 1994. The objective of this inspection was to ensure that Unit 2 shift management recognized, accepted and implemented their responsibility to operate Unit 2 safely and in accordance with programs, procedures and NRC regulations. The inspection report (IR) cover letter issued on September 14, 1994, states in part the following: "...we are particularly concerned that there was not a documented, comprehensive plan to address the long-term recommended, actions contained in the report 'Root Cause Evaluation of Millstone Unit 2 Ability to Assess, Classify, and Analyze Events'. We have noted several instances wherein your followup to identified problems has not been complete and timely. We request that you provide us an out line of your plan with milestone schedules to address these concerns." Our letter did not address the method for submittal of your response nor did we ask for a specific response due date. In addition, inspection 50-336/94-80, was conducted, in part, as a result of concerns about your Unit 2 operations staff which were identified in inspection 50-336/94-18 and had resulted in escalated enforcement actions.

A recent review of our records did not indicate that a formal response to IR 50-336/94-80 was ever received by our office. As a result of the above review, a member of our staff met with members of your Unit 2 licensing staff on December 27, 1995 at Millstone Station to discuss this concern. During this meeting, your staff presented documentation of various plans and schedules sent to the NRC on the docket in 1994 and 1995 to address the above concerns. In addition, there were a number of meetings during 1994 and 1995 between your management and NRC management. Our Millstone Unit 2 Restart Assessment Team Inspection (IR 50-336/95-201) conducted during May and June 1995, also reviewed Unit 2's ability to deal with and analyze events and your overall ability to operate safely; and our inspection (IR 50-336/95-20) accepted and closed out your corrective actions concerning the violations and other deficiencies identified during inspection 50-336/94-18.

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Although you did not respond in writing specifically to our initial request, made in IR 50-336/94-80, our review of the above documents and our discussions with your licensing staff, have provided us with enough information to adequately consider the issues addressed by our Inspection 50-336/94-80. Therefore, these issues are considered closed.

Sincerely,

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