

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I

Docket/Report: 50-423/85-40 License: CPPR-113
Licensee: Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
Facility: Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Waterford, Connecticut
Meeting Concerning: Millstone Unit 3

Meeting Date: July 8, 1985

Reported by: *E. C. McCabe* 7/18/85
E. C. McCabe, Chief, Reactor Projects Section 3B Date

Approved by: *E. C. Wenzinger* 7/19/85
E. C. Wenzinger, Chief, Projects Branch No. 3, DRP Date

Summary:

Meeting conducted in the NRC Region I office to discuss candidate performance on NRC operator license examinations and the status of Millstone 3 completion. The meeting focus was on identifying factors involved in the failure of a number of candidates. Candidate retraining and a planned time frame for re-examination of candidates were also discussed. The licensee affirmed his plans to meet the scheduled November 1, 1985 fuel load date, and stated his intention of establishing, by July 19, 1985, a full-time individual onsite to address worker concerns.

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DETAILS

1. Meeting Attendees

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company

R. Busch, Project Manager
J. Crockett, Unit Superintendent
R. Laudenat, Manager, Licensing
J. Opeka, Senior Vice President, Nuclear Engineering and Operations
R. Test, Director, Nuclear Training
R. Werner, Vice President, Generation Engineering and Construction

NRC Region I

J. Durr, Chief, Engineering Branch, Division of Reactor Safety (DRS)
S. Ebnetter, Director, DRS
D. Johnson, Lead Reactor Engineer (Examiner), Division of Reactor Projects (DRP)
W. Kane, Deputy Director, DRP
R. Keller, Chief, Projects Section 1C, DRP
H. Kister, Chief, Projects Branch No. 1, DRP
E. McCabe, Chief, Projects Section 3B, DRP
T. Murley, Regional Administrator
R. Starostecki, Director, DRP
E. Wenzinger, Chief, Projects Branch No. 3, DRP (Part Time)

2. Meeting Purpose

To discuss the status of operator licensing examinations for Millstone 3 and the status of construction of the facility.

3. Items Discussed

The following items were discussed.

- Potential factors in the failures in the initial group of individuals examined for NRC operator licenses, including the way the emergency operating procedures are used, the adequacy of communications, and the shift supervisor and senior control room operator roles in responding to emergency conditions.
- The nature of the additional training to be given, before they are to be re-examined, to individuals who failed the NRC licensing examination.
- The relationship between NRC licenses and the watch stations to which such licenses are applicable.
- The scheduling of examinations for retrained personnel shortly after they become eligible for such examination.

- Licensee plans to establish, before July 19, 1985, a full-time person onsite to be available to take allegations from personnel.
- Licensee plans to meet the planned November 1, 1985 fuel load date.
- The NRC practice of issuing an operating license with a 5% power hold for NRC Commissioner approval of going to higher power.
- NRC attendance at regular licensee project status meetings.
- The licensee's projected achievement of initial criticality and completion of testing below the point of adding sensible heat in December 1985.
- The licensee's anticipated recovery of the main condenser from the recent salt water intrusion event in about 2 weeks.