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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Status of the Independent Corrective Action Verification Program

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our current plans concerning the Independent Corrective Action Verification Program for Millstone Unit No. 2 and our estimated schedule for initiating that effort.

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) is currently in the process of evaluating prospective contractors for performing the Millstone Unit No. 2 ICAVP. Our evaluation criteria are intended to assure that the selected contractor has the requisite technical expertise, management experience, and financial independence consistent with NNECO's commitments to the NRC as specified in the letter of August 13, 1996,¹ and with the Commission's Confirmatory Order.² We expect to complete our evaluation report and submit a request to the NRC for approval of our selected contractor by the end of February, 1997.

Based on our current schedule for completion of the Millstone Unit No. 2 Configuration Management Program, we will be prepared to initiate the Unit 2 ICAVP during the month of May, 1997.

We will keep the Staff informed of our progress and of any changes in our schedule.

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¹ Letter from T.C. Feigenbaum to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Independent Corrective Action Verification Program," dated August 13, 1996.

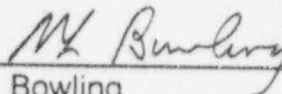
² Letter from William T. Russell to Ted C. Feigenbaum, "Confirming Order Establishing Independent Corrective Action Verification Program (Effective Immediately) - Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2 and 3," dated August 14, 1996.

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Very truly yours,
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