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Re: 10CFR50.55a

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

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Extension of Second Ten-Year Inservice Test Program Interval

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of a change in the end date for the Second Ten-Year Inservice Test (IST) program interval and a change in the start date for the Third Ten-Year IST program interval for Millstone Unit No. 2.

10 CFR 50.55a(f) requires that inservice testing of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves meet the requirements set forth in ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components." Each facility is required to update the IST program every ten years to meet the requirements of the latest approved edition and addenda of Section XI. The change in the IST program interval is being made in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

The Millstone Unit No. 2 IST program for the second 10-year interval began on December 26, 1985 and was scheduled to expire on December 25, 1995. As specified in IWA-2430 paragraph (e), for power units that are out of service continuously for 6 months or more, the inservice test interval during which the outage occurred may be extended for a period equivalent to the outage. As permitted by Subarticle IWA 2430(e), the Second 10-year IST interval is being extended in recognition of Millstone Unit No. 2 being out-of-service continuously for six months or more on three occasions. Specifically:

030040	May 30, 1992 to January 10, 1993	225 Days
	October 1, 1994 to July 31, 1995	303 Days
	February 21, 1996 to Present	441 + days

Thus, to date, the Second 10-year IST interval could be extended to August 21, 1998, and could be further extended day-for-day during the current outage.

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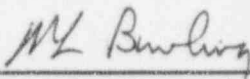
NNECO plans to extend the Second 10-Year IST program interval only until all IST program reviews and associated corrective actions have been completed. These reviews are currently comparing the existing program to the requirements of the 1989 edition of the ASME Code and other existing regulatory commitments. When all IST program reviews and corrective actions have been completed, the revised and updated IST Program Plan will be submitted for your information, and NNECO will inform the NRC the end date of the Second Ten-Year IST program and the start date of the third Ten-Year IST program, at the earliest opportunity.

The following is NNECO's commitment made within this letter.

B16479-01 Prior to the startup from the current outage, an updated IST Program Plan will be submitted to the NRC. NNECO will inform the NRC the end date of the Second Ten-Year IST program and the start date of the Third Ten-Year IST program.

If there are any questions concerning this schedule, please contact Mr. Ravi Joshi at (860) 440-2080.

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