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<u>Commitment Update</u>

Corrective Action Program

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on our progress on the commitments concerning improvements to the Corrective Action Program.

Our letter: "Reply to Notice of Violation (EA-91-107)" (A09899) dated October 30, 1991 committed to improve the prompt completion of initial event investigation to allow timely availability of trend information.

Our letter: "Reply to Notice of Violations - Combined Inspection reports 50-245/93-10; 50-336/93-06; 50-423/93-07" (B14486) dated June 7, 1994 committed to improve the capability to identify adverse trends and provide a multi - discipline analysis for Station Management review.

Our letter: "Initial Results of Millstone 3 Recovery Activities" (B15790) dated July 2, 1996 established commitments which included a five unit Operating Experience Manual common to all Northeast Utilities nuclear units. The Operating Experience Manual would include a common Adverse Condition Reporting (ACR) procedure and a common Operability Determination procedure.

The new management team at Millstone has revised that approach in that we are no longer implementing a five unit management philosophy with common procedures. In lieu of this five unit approach, issues such as those above are being addressed at the station(s) and unit(s) level as appropriate. A revised Corrective Action Program (RP-4, Rev. 4) has been implemented at Millstone Station which incorporates the basic tenets of the commitments above including program improvements in a number of other areas. As a result, individual commitments are superseded by the current Corrective Action Program which is available for your continuing review. The Corrective Action Program will continue to evolve based on incorporation of best industry practices, the results of ongoing assessments, lessons learned, and other opportunities for improvement.

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