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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Commitment Revision- EEI 423/96-201-09
Design Basis Documentation Packages

The purpose of this letter is to update a commitment previously made in response to Escalated Enforcement Item EEI 423/96-201-09.

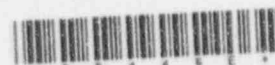
In the above referenced response, Northeast Utilities stated that the ownership, usage and control of Design Basis Documentation Packages (DBDP) in the design change and configuration control process would be defined prior to startup. It is no longer our intent to utilize DBDP's in the design change and configuration control process.

In lieu of Design Basis Documentation Packages (DBDP), the Design Engineering Department is currently developing Design Basis Summaries (DBS) for all Maintenance Rule Level I systems and selected Level II systems. The DBS document will provide the safety-related and risk significant functions and requirements of a system. It also describes major components in a concise, structured format. For each function and requirement the DBS will provide the applicable references to the specific source design bases documentation. The DBS will not serve the function of a system description document nor a historical design evolution document, but will focus on design functions and requirements and reference to the basis's documents.

Control for the DBS is detailed in the Design Control Manual, Chapter 11. Ownership of the DBS currently resides with the Design Engineering Department. Northeast Utilities is in the process of reviewing its long term plans for control of these documents. As part of that review, ownership of the DBS may eventually be reassigned elsewhere in the overall organization.

This change fulfills the intent of the previously made commitment.

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