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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Reference: (1) J. F. Opeka letter to V. S. Noonan, "Elimination of Arbitrary Intermediate Pipe Breaks," dated January 14, 1986.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Elimination of Arbitrary Intermediate Pipe Breaks

In Reference (1) Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) presented technical bases for the elimination of arbitrary intermediate pipe breaks and the associated pipe whip restraints for all piping other than primary loop piping. Attachment G to that submittal stated that there were nine cases which had integral welded attachments in close proximity to the arbitrary break locations.

In more recent discussions with the Staff, concerns were raised over the details of the support designs which utilize the integral attachments and the potential for unanticipated transients in the systems which contain the integral attachments. NNECO has subsequently reviewed the arbitrary intermediate breaks with integral attachments relative to the Hazards Review Program and concludes that the consequences associated with the nine breaks are acceptable. Therefore, in order to expedite the review of the Reference 1 submittal, NNECO revises the scope of the arbitrary intermediate break elimination request to delete the nine breaks from consideration.

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