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Docket No. 50-423

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Re: IE Bulletin 79-13

Mr. William T. Russell, Regional Administrator
Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Reference: (1) B. H. Grier letter to W. G. Council, IE Bulletin
No. 79-13, Revision 2, dated October 17, 1979.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit No. 3
Summary Report - NRC IE Bulletin No. 79-13
Inspection Results

On October 17, 1979, the NRC issued Revision 2 to IE Bulletin No. 79-13 which requires an inspection program be implemented by licensees and applicants for an operating license to identify cracking indications in feedwater systems. On October 29, 1982, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) submitted its application for an operating license for Millstone Unit No. 3. On completion of the hot functional testing program and prior to fuel loading, (1) NNECO performed the inspections described in Item 1 of Reference (1). During the first refueling outage (October 30, 1987 to February 10, 1988), the volumetric examination of the feedwater nozzle-to-pipe welds, the feedwater piping welds to the first support and the feedwater line-to-containment penetration welds was performed as required by Item 2.a of Reference (1). In addition, a visual inspection of all feedwater system piping supports (except four rigid supports) and snubbers in containment was performed to verify operability and conformance to design. The four rigid feedwater system piping supports will be visually inspected during the next outage of sufficient duration. In accordance with Item 6 of Reference (1), a written report is required 30 days

(1) Millstone Unit No. 3 received its low power license on November 25, 1985 and full power license on January 31, 1986.

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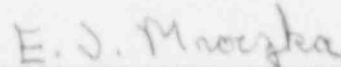
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after the inspections. Based on preliminary evaluations, no unacceptable indications on components of feedwater system piping have been identified. The inspection results and other inservice inspection examinations completed during the first refueling outage are currently being reviewed by appropriate technical disciplines. As such, NNECO plans to submit the results of this inspection as a part of the overall inservice inspection summary report by May 6, 1988.

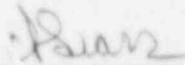
If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact our licensing representative directly.

Very truly yours,

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