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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1
Response to Information Request on Proposed Revision to Technical
Specifications - Administrative Controls

On December 4, 1998, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) submitted, pursuant to 10 CFR part 50.90, an application to amend the Technical Specifications for Millstone Unit No. 1 (MP1) to revise staffing and training requirements.⁽¹⁾

In response to an information request from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) during a telephone conference held January 11, 1999, NNECO is providing additional information regarding the Non-Certified Operator position which is identified in the license amendment request, Table 6.2-1, "Minimum Shift Crew Composition."

It is our position that the Non-Certified Operator position identified in Technical Specifications, Table 6.2-1, "Minimum Shift Crew Composition," must be qualified as an Equipment Operator in accordance with Millstone Training Program Description (TPD) 7.087, "Millstone 1 Equipment Operator Training Program," or qualified as a Field Operator in accordance with TPD 7.076, "Non-Licensed Operator Training Program."

⁽¹⁾ Letter B17546, M. L. Bowling to US NRC, "Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications, Administrative Controls," dated December 4, 1998.

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Field Operator qualification requirements will match Non-Licensed Operator qualifications as outlined in TPD 7.076, "Non-Licensed Operator Training Program." In accordance with 10CFR50.120 any changes or revisions to these requirements will be made using the systematic approach to training techniques as plant conditions may warrant.

Millstone Operations Manual 2.4, "Shift Manning Requirements," will provide the qualifications required for assignment to each of the positions described in Table 6.2-1, "Minimum Shift Crew Composition," of the proposed amendment request.

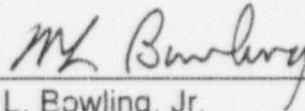
There are no new regulatory commitments contained within this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Richard Laudenat at (860) 444-5248.

Very truly yours,

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