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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit No. 3
Revised Commitments and Clarification
Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program

The purpose of this letter is to advise the NRC Staff of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company's (NNECO) intent to revise two previous commitments made relative to the Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP). In addition, this submittal provides clarification on information previously submitted to the NRC in "Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program" (B16629), dated July 11, 1997 and describes the development of the current Key Safety Related Equipment List and the Vendor Technical Manual (VTM) Upgrade Project.

NNECO committed in the referenced letter to a review and upgrade of vendor information associated with Generic Letter 90-03, in accordance with the "Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program" by January 17, 1999. An effort is currently in progress on Millstone Unit 3 to review and upgrade VTMs associated with the Key Safety Related Equipment List (KSREL). The KSREL, developed in accordance with Station Procedure DC-16, "Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP)," considers primary safety significant components based upon design complexity, active safety function and the fundamental need to function upon demand. Safety significant components that provide critical support functions to the primary components are also considered.

As each VTM upgrade is completed, associated plant procedures are being reviewed to ensure they contain current and up to date vendor information. These upgrades and procedure reviews provide additional assurance Unit 3 is in compliance with Generic

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Letter 90-03. Upgrade of the KSREL VTMs and the associated procedure reviews is scheduled to be completed before restart from the current outage.

As an "engineering improvement" project, Millstone Unit 3 has implemented a Vendor Technical Manual Upgrade Project. The purpose of this upgrade project is to ensure VTMs not associated with the KSREL also contain current and up to date information, and that this information is accurately reflected in plant procedures. The scope of the VTM upgrade project generally includes active safety related equipment.

Millstone Station Procedure DC-16 also delineates the requirements for re-contacting vendors of Key Safety Related Equipment. Vendor re-contact activities are currently performed on an annual basis by the Nuclear Materials Management Department. These re-contact activities may be supplemented by participation in a Centralized Vendor Re-contact Program or by re-contacts accomplished during the upgrade of KSREL VTMs. As part of the VTM Upgrade Project, the vendor technical manuals are being "baselined" to identify associated vendor publications. This information is then provided to the Centralized Vendor Re-contact Program (CVRP) contractor (PRC/USA) for inclusion in their re-contact activities. It is NNECO's intent, when the 1998 vendor re-contact activities are complete and the KSREL vendor publication information has been provided to the CVRP contractor, to revise the contact requirement from annual to a tri-annual basis.

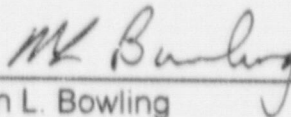
The activities described herein, provide additional assurance Millstone Unit 3 is in compliance with Generic Letter 90-03.

NNECO's commitments associated with this letter are provided in Attachment 1.

If you should have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. David Smith at (860) 437-5840.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment 1

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program

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Enclosure
List of Regulatory Commitments

The following table identifies those actions committed to by NNECO in this document. Please notify the Manager - Regulatory Compliance at the Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit No. 3 of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

Commitment	Committed Date or Outage
B16912-01 Upgrade of the KSREL VTMs and associated procedure reviews is scheduled to be completed before restart from the current outage.	Prior to Restart
B16912-02 PEG 6.05 will be revised to reflect the vendor contact requirement from annual to a tri-annual basis.	12/31/98