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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Readiness for the NRC's Operational Safety Team Inspection

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) committed, in a November 5, 1997 letter, to notify the NRC Staff when ready for the performance of the Operational Safety Team Inspection at Millstone Unit No. 2. In preparation for the performance of this inspection, NNECO has completed assessments of the elements associated with the inspection scope. Based upon these assessments, we have determined that we will be ready for the start of this inspection on March 15, 1999. The transition from Mode 5 to Mode 4 is expected to occur on, or about, March 20, 1999. Nuclear Oversight has performed their own independent assessments and concur with this conclusion. An Inspection Response Team has been established to work with your Staff, under the direction of Mr. J. A. Price.

There are no regulatory commitments contained within this letter.

If you have any additional questions concerning this submittal, please contact Mr. J. A. Price at (860) 440-0441.

Very truly yours,

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