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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Commitment Revision- LER 97-021-00
Expansion Joint Tie Rod Assemblies

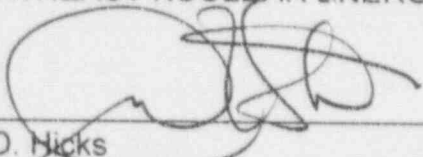
The purpose of this letter is to revise the commitments that were previously submitted to the NRC in LER 97-021-00, "Defective Design of RSS Expansion Joint Tie Rod Assembly". These commitments included; 1) The required physical modifications to the eight expansion joints within the RSS will be completed prior to August 13, 1997 and no later than prior to entry into mode 4; and the expansion joints provided by Temp Flex division of Johnson Controls will be identified and reviewed to verify that they meet design requirements prior to August 13, 1997 and no later than prior to entry into mode 4.

At this time, all tied expansion joints at Millstone Unit 3 have been identified. Modeling and qualification of these joints is currently being evaluated by a qualified vendor to determine the design adequacy. Physical modifications where needed to correct any deficiencies identified will be completed prior to entry into mode 4.

The revised commitments are provided in Attachment 1. The remaining commitments in our letter of March 19, 1997 are unchanged.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. D. A. Smith at (860) 437-5840.

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Attachment 1

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
NNECO's Commitments
In Response To
(LER 97-021-00)

August 1997

Enclosure
List of Regulatory Commitments

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

Number	Commitment	Due
B16263-01	The required physical modifications to the eight (8) expansion joints within the RSS will be completed.	Prior to entry into mode 4.
B16263-02	Expansion joints provided by Temp Flex division of Johnson Controls will be identified and reviewed to verify that they meet design requirements.	Prior to entry into mode 4.