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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attention: Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1 Reply to a Notice of Violation - Extension of Time to Respond

In a letter dated June 19, 1998⁽¹⁾, the NRC Staff issued Combined Inspection Report 50-245/98-07; 50-336/98-07; 50-423/98-07 which covered the period March 1, 1998 through April 27, 1998. The inspection identified a violation of NRC requirements relating to the failure to establish measures to ensure the Millstone Unit No. 1 gas turbine generator fuel oil conformed to procurement documents.

The NRC requested that Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) respond within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting the Notice of Violation (NOV). Accordingly, the response is currently due on or before July 20, 1998. The NRC also requested that NNECO address the generic implications raised by this issue as they relate to the purchase, testing, and use of diesel generator fuel oil at all three Millstone units.

NNECO has reviewed the NOV and assessed the time necessary to provide an adequate response to the NRC. Our conclusion is that additional time is necessary to provide such a response. Therefore, NNECO requests an additional 10 days (until July 30, 1998) to help ensure the development of a comprehensive and high quality response to the NOV.

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⁽¹⁾ W. D. Lanning letter to NNECO, "NRC Combined Inspection 50-245/98-07; 50-336/98-07; 50-423/98-07 and Notice of Violation," dated June 19, 1998.

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