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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2, and 3  
Change to the 1997 Annual Radioactive Effluent Report

Reference: M. L. Bowling, Jr. to the USNRC, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 1997 Annual Radioactive Effluent Report," dated April 30, 1998

The purpose of this letter is to submit a change to the 1997 Annual Radioactive Effluent Report, which was submitted to the NRC in Reference (1).

Specifically, Section 4.2, "Unit 1 Liquid Radwaste Effluent Monitor" should be changed to read as follows:

"The liquid radwaste effluent monitor was declared inoperable for the period June 5, 1996 through March 25, 1997 (83 days in 1997, 291 days total) due to failure to perform response time testing as required by Technical Specifications (reference LER 96-043-00). There were several additional technical issues impacting this monitor during this period. These issues were: 1) failure to perform source checks as required by Technical Specifications (reference LER 96-053-00); 2) failure to adjust the setpoint as required by Technical Specifications due to the lineup not being in accordance with the FSAR (reference LER 96-065-00); and 3) a system modification for a new flushing system. Operability was restored upon completion of plant and procedural changes. During this period, two independent samples were taken and verification of release calculations were performed prior to each discharge in accordance with the Limiting Condition for Operation stated in the Technical Specifications. It was determined that best efforts were not expended to restore the monitor operability as required by Technical Specifications (reference LER 97-006-00). As stated in the LER, the cause of this condition was failure to

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provide clear management expectations of what constitutes 'best efforts' and inadequate prioritization of work required to restore the Radwaste Effluent Line Radiation Monitor to an operable status. Prioritization and scheduling of tasks required to exit the radiation monitor "best efforts" LCO were based upon perceived impact on plant operations, vice the literal requirement of the 'best efforts' Technical Specifications."

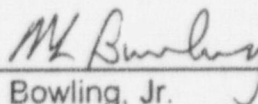
A typographical error also exists in the 1996 errata submitted with the 1997 report. The referenced LER should be 97-006-00 vice 96-006-00. Thus, Section 4.2 of the 1997 errata, "Unit 1 Liquid Radwaste Effluent Monitor" should read as follows:

"The liquid radwaste effluent monitor was declared inoperable for the period June 5, 1996 through March 25, 1997 (83 days in 1997; 291 days total) due to failure to perform response time testing as required by Technical Specifications (reference LER 96-043-00). It was determined that best efforts were not expended to restore the monitor operability as required by Technical Specifications (reference LER 97-006-00). As stated in the LER, the cause of this condition was failure to provide clear management expectations of what constitutes 'best efforts' and inadequate prioritization of work required to restore the Radwaste Effluent Line Radiation Monitor to an operable status. Prioritization and scheduling of tasks required to exit the radiation monitor 'best efforts' LCO were based upon perceived impact on plant operations, vice the literal requirement of the 'best efforts' Technical Specifications."

The above corrections will be included in the errata to the 1998 Annual Effluent report, which will be submitted to the NRC prior to May 1, 1999. Attachment 1 to this letter contains our commitments.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mr. Mario Robles, Jr. at (860) 447-1791, Ext. 0279.

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Attachment 1

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Regulatory Commitments

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### List of Regulatory Commitments

The following table identifies those actions committed to by NNECO in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by NNECO. They are described to the NRC for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. The Director - Regulatory Affairs should be notified of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

Commitment Number	Regulatory Commitment	Committed Date or Outage
B17271-01	The corrections contained in this letter will be included in the errata to the 1998 Annual Effluent report.	May 1, 1999