

April 28, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-109 - RECOVERY OF MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION,
UNIT 2

The Commission has agreed with the staff's conclusions that Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) has satisfied the August 14, 1996, Independent Corrective Action Verification Program (ICAVP) Order. The Commission has also agreed with the staff's conclusion that NNECO has taken appropriate corrective actions to support restart of Millstone Unit 2. The Commission therefore approves designation of the Executive Director for Operations as the senior manager responsible for (1) verifying that the appropriate aspects of IMC 0350 are complete, and (2) approving commencement of actions to restart Unit 2.

Given the importance of an effective corrective action program, the staff should ensure that the licensee's corrective action program improvements that were identified as being necessary, and were implemented during this extended shutdown (e.g., lower thresholds for reporting problems, more management emphasis on the need for employees to identify problems, prompt processing of operability determinations, improved performance indicators, root-cause analysis, and trending) are maintained.

The staff must continue to be vigilant in its efforts to monitor the licensee's performance in the areas of ECP and SCWE so that any decline in performance is detected in its early stages.

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