

July 22, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: James C. Linville, Director
Millstone Inspection Directorate (MID)

FROM: Hubert J. Miller Original Signed By:
Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: MILLSTONE ASSESSMENT PANEL CHARTER

In May 1999, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), after receiving approval from the Commission and the Executive Director for Operations, restarted the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2, following an extended shutdown of over three years. The restart of Unit 2 and the issuance of the seventh and final revision to the Millstone Restart Assessment Plan, marked the conclusion of the Manual Chapter 0350, "Staff Guidelines for Restart Approval," process for the Millstone Station.

During the NRC Senior Management Meeting, conducted on April 20 and 21, 1999, senior NRC managers discussed both Millstone Units 2 and 3. Millstone Unit 2 was classified as an agency-focus plant pending sustained improvements in license performance. Millstone Unit 3 was classified as a regional-focus plant and was determined not to have met several criteria for returning to routine inspection oversight, including the demonstration of sustained, successful plant performance. To facilitate this increased focus by the region and headquarters, I am directing the establishment of the Millstone Assessment Panel.

The Millstone Assessment Panel (MAP) Charter is attached. The MAP is established to facilitate the following objectives: (1) to assist Region I and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) in the coordination of NRC resources for performance monitoring and inspecting of the Millstone facility, (2) to provide assessment and, as needed, recommendations to the Regional Administrator, Region I, of changes in the level of NRC management engagement with NNECO, and (3) to track and ensure staff commitments to the Commission as specified in Attachment B of this memorandum.

You have been designated Chairman of the MAP and Ms. Elinor Adensam, Director, Project Directorate I, NRR, has been designated Co-Chairman of the MAP. The members of the MAP are:

J. Clifford, Chief, Section I-2, NRR
L. Doerflein, Chief, Engineering Programs Branch, Region I
D. Lew, Team Leader, MID
R. Eaton, Senior Project Manager, Millstone Unit 2, NRR
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Attachments:

- A. Millstone Assessment Panel Charter
- B. Staff Commitments to the Commission

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