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## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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PETITION NO. 95  
FIELD REVIEWS  
July 7/11, 1983

Janet Sitty, Mortimer Gelston, and George Dunn met with Neil Wenthe of Northeast Utilities (NU) on July 7 and July 11, 1983, to field review Petition No. 95. The company is petitioning the Council to declare that no certificate of environmental compatibility and public need under section 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes is required for an additional accessory building at the site of its Millstone Point plant in Waterford.

The proposed Millstone Simulator Training Facility (MSTF) building would occupy approximately 0.9 acres between the existing Emergency Operations Center and the existing Training Building reviewed by the Council in Petitions 59 and 70. The facility would provide the training capability for nuclear plant operators required by the NRC as well as enable NU to conduct simulation analysis to help minimize the outage rates of all four of Connecticut's nuclear units.

Construction activities are scheduled for the late summer and fall of the year on relatively level ground, indicating a minimal erosion potential. Visibility of the new building (although one floor higher than the existing Training Building) would be limited by its location in a natural depression, by the building's low profile design, and by the retention of the existing tree screen along the western property line.

The MSTF building and its new parking area would accommodate a staff of approximately 125 and a student population of no more than 40 at any point in time. This personnel increase in conjunction with the anticipated visitor attendance at the public information/education displays planned for the new building is not expected to increase area traffic significantly. The facility would cost \$42 million.

The Waterford Conservation Commission has approved the location and NU has applied to and expects approval from the Waterford Planning and Zoning Commission. NU has designed the facility in harmony with the town's site plan requirements and no review from Connecticut's Coastal Area Management agency is required.

The company reasons that the proposal does not constitute a "modification" under section 16-50i(d) and even if it did, it will have no "substantial adverse environmental effect" and therefore no certificate is required.

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