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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63

Subject: *Supplement to Special Report Dated November 2, 2000*

Gentlemen:

In Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (NMPC) Special Report dated November 2, 2000, NMPC indicated that #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System Check Valve 201.2-67 failed reverse flow testing and the cause of the check valve failure was unknown at the time the special report was submitted. The purpose of this supplement is to inform you of that cause and an additional corrective action.

Special Report dated September 21, 1999, documented debris found in the Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System, from the deterioration of the system pump internals. As corrective actions, the pumps internals were replaced with redesigned parts that are less susceptible to degradation and the systems were flushed with freon and/or compressed air to remove the debris.

The cause of the check failure described in Special Report dated November 2, 2000, was debris attaching to the O-rings of the check valve. The debris was determined to be from the previous deterioration of the system pump internals as described in Special Report dated September 21, 1999. Based on the cause, the major components in both Containment Hydrogen Monitoring Systems (#11 and #12) will be disassembled, cleaned, and flushed by the end of Refueling Outage 16.

Very truly yours,

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Lawrence A. Hopkins
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