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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1 - WITHDRAWAL OF  
REPORTING REQUIREMENT IMPOSED BY SAFETY EVALUATION DATED  
AUGUST 11, 1994 (TAC NOS. M85003 AND MB1100)

Dear Mr. Mueller:

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Subsequently, NMPC submitted numerous letters documenting inspection results. The most recent letter was dated October 13, 2000. All NMPC's letters reported the average wall thickness to be greater than the minimum 0.431 inches found acceptable in the staff's SE.

Having noted the inspection results transmitted by NMPC's letters, and recognizing that the inspections will continue to be performed by NMPC and results available onsite for NRC review, the staff determines that there is no more need for NMPC to submit such results for the docket. In effect, the last paragraph of page 6 of the SE is deleted as of today. This deletion only eliminates the need to submit future torus reinspection results to the NRC; it does not obviate the need for NMPC to perform measurements and record the results, or otherwise affect other commitments and requirements described in NMPC's submittals referenced in the SE. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-415-1451.

Sincerely,

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