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Dear Mr. Burkhardt:

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO AMENDMENT NO. 115, TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DRP-63 FOR THE NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. 75494)

On April 25, 1990, we issued Amendment No. 115 to Facility Operating License No. DRP-63. This amendment was in response to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (NMPC) application of December 8, 1989, which requested a change to Technical Specification (TS) Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.3.1.a and associated BASES on oxygen concentration of the primary containment atmosphere. Although the application did not request changes to the Surveillance Requirement 4.3.1, the specification, "At least once a week oxygen concentration shall be determined" was omitted from the application's proposed TS 3/4.3.1 (page 126). This represents a deficiency in the quality of the application submittal. We request that NMPC review its processes for the preparation of such submittals to ensure that adequate measures exist to minimize the potential for such deficiencies.

Since it is clear that the LCO 4.3.1 was not within the scope of either the NMPC application or the staff's issuance of Amendment No. 115, we are enclosing a revised page number 126 which includes the changes made in Amendment No. 115 as well as the specification for LCO 4.3.1, "At least once a week oxygen concentration shall be determined." Please replace page 126 of Amendment No. 115 with the revised page.

Sincerely,
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LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.3.1 OXYGEN CONCENTRATION

Applicability:

Applies to the limit on oxygen concentration within the primary containment system.

Objective:

To assure that in the event of a loss-of-coolant accident any hydrogen generation will not result in a combustible mixture within the primary containment system.

Specification:

- a. The primary containment atmosphere shall be reduced to less than four percent by volume oxygen concentration with nitrogen gas whenever the reactor coolant pressure is greater than 110 psig and the reactor is in the power operating condition, except as specified in "b" below.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT

4.3.1 OXYGEN CONCENTRATION

Applicability:

Applies to the periodic testing requirements for the primary containment system oxygen concentration.

Objective:

To assure that the oxygen concentration within the primary containment system is within required limits.

Specification:

At least once a week oxygen concentration shall be determined.

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