

June 7, 1988

Docket No. 50-410

Mr. Charles V. Mangan
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Dear Mr. Mangan:

SUBJECT: INTERIM RELIEF FOR THE NINE MILE POINT, UNIT 2
INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM (TAC 63429)

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By letters dated July 29 and 30, 1987 Niagara Mohawk submitted an updated Inservice Testing (IST) Program Plan for Nine Mile Point, Unit 2. These submittals were reviewed by the NRC staff and were the subject of a working meeting on December 3 and 4, 1987. Based on the agreements and resolutions reached during that meeting, Niagara Mohawk submitted responses on February 23, 1988 to the open items discussed during the meeting. A revised program submitted on March 31, 1988, incorporated the changes discussed during the meeting on December 3 and 4, 1987.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a the Nine Mile Point, Unit 2 IST program submitted March 31, 1988 complies with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1983 edition through the summer of 1983 addenda. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(5), Niagara Mohawk requested relief from certain ASME Code testing requirements for specific pumps and valves where the Code requirements are impractical within the limits of design and plant operational requirements. The request for relief included an explanation and justification for each relief request and a proposal for alternative test procedures.

The staff has not yet completed a detailed review of the IST program submitted March 31, 1988, however, a preliminary review was completed, and it was found that where relief from the Code testing requirements was requested, Niagara Mohawk has demonstrated that it is impractical to meet certain requirements of the Code because of limitations of design, and plant operational requirements. Based on the review performed to date, the staff has concluded that granting interim relief from the Code requirements will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security of the public. Granting this relief is in the public interest, giving due consideration to the burden on the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed. If this relief were not granted, the licensee might be forced to curtail the operation of the plant, which would constitute a considerable burden. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), the reliefs that were requested in the March 31, 1988 submittal on the Nine Mile

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Point, Unit 2 IST program from the pump and valve testing requirements of Section XI of the Code are hereby granted until the detailed review of the IST program has been completed and the safety evaluation is issued.

Since this interim approval does not represent the results of the final program review, the final safety evaluation could contain relief request denials or identify components that should be added to the IST program. If the review indicates additional testing requirements are necessary, Niagara Mohawk will be required to comply with them at that time. The staff expects to issue the safety evaluation in the near future. The interim relief granted will terminate when the final safety evaluation is issued.

Sincerely,

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