



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 18, 2009

Mr. Samuel L. Belcher  
Vice President Nine Mile Point  
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC  
P.O. Box 63  
Lycoming, NY 13093

SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, LLC'S STATUS OF  
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE FOR NINE MILE POINT  
NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. ME0540)

Dear Mr. Belcher:

On March 26, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC's (NMPNS) biennial decommissioning funding report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Nos. ML090850399 and ML090850400) for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (NMP1).

Based on our internal review, the NRC staff believes that there is a decommissioning funding assurance shortfall for NMP1. Although a shortfall in decommissioning funding assurance does not affect safe operations, adequate decommissioning funding assurance is important to ensure a plant will eventually be decommissioned safely.

The NRC staff will conduct a telephone conference with NMPNS within ten working days of the date of this letter to discuss the staff's calculations and methodology. The intent of the call will be to establish a mutual understanding and framework such that you will be able to develop a plan to resolve any decommissioning funding assurance shortfall.

If NMPNS is determined to have a shortfall, it will need to submit a plan by a date to be established at the close of the telephone conference. The plan would describe how and when the licensee intends to make adjustments to its trust fund balances and/or make other adjustments or changes with respect to financial assurance mechanisms, such that it will meet the minimum amount of financial assurance consistent with NRC's regulations.

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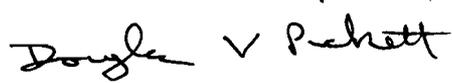
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Sincerely,

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Douglas V. Pickett, Senior Project Manager  
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