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Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Attention: Mr. F. J. Schneider,
Vice President, Operations
300 Erie Boulevard
Syracuse, New York

Docket No. 50-220

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. F. S. Cantrell of this office on November 20-22, 1972 of operations authorized under AEC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-17 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Cantrell with Messrs. Burt and Perkins of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection and during telephone conversations on November 28 and 30, 1972.

Areas examined during this inspection included the operator's response and the reactor systems response to the turbine trip on November 19, 1972; the results of a safety valve relieving prematurely following the turbine trip and the investigation of the cause of the safety valve operation; testing performed on all safety valves; and radioactive releases associated with this event. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with plant personnel and observations by our inspector.

No violations or safety items were identified in the areas examined during this inspection.

In your letter to the Directorate of Licensing, dated December 15, 1971, you proposed to defer a scheduled full power turbine trip test until just prior to your scheduled April, 1972 outage. Licensing agreed to your proposed schedule in a letter dated December 23, 1971. Your records do not show that this test has been completed. Please provide us in writing within 20 days with your justification for delaying completion of this test and your proposed schedule for performing this test.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the AEC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the AEC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Carlson, Chief
Facility Operations Branch

Enclosures:

1. RO Inspection Report No. 50-220/72-04
2. RO Inquiry Reports 50-220/72-10Q and 50-220/72-11Q

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