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Attention: Mr. R. R. Schneider
Vice President
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License No. DPR-63
Inspection No. 75-19
Docket No. 50-220

Reference: Your letter dated November 12, 1975
In response to our letter dated October 23, 1975

Gentlemen:

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions you documented in response to our correspondence. These actions will be examined during a subsequent inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eldon J. Brunner, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

cc: T. E. Lempges, General Superintendent, Nuclear Generation
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November 12, 1975

Mr. Eldon J. Brunner, Chief
Reactor Operations Branch
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Docket No. 50-220
Inspection Report 75-19

Dear Mr. Brunner:

Following a thorough review of Inspection Report No. 75-19, conducted by Mr. J.T. Shedlosky of your office on September 22-26, 1975 at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1, we have concluded that the report may be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room in accordance with Section 2.790, Part 2 Title 10 CFR. Concerning the surveillance test data and evaluations of control rod drive performance, the following is submitted:

June 29-30, 1974

The Technical Specifications, Appendix A, in effect at this time, require a maximum scram insertion time no greater than: a) 90%-5.30 sec.; b) 50%-2.17 sec. and c) 10%-.74 sec. time for 50% insertion. No control rod wihtin a nine rod array was: a) in excess of the scram insertion limits; b) operating with a malfunction accumulation; or c) valved out-of-service in a non-fully inserted position. Thus compliance with the specification following this evaluation was achieved.

October 13, 1974

Enclosed are the initial and revised scram insertion time sheets for this event. Unfortunately, the revised sheet was not placed in the scram time book. All control rod scram times meet the criteria.

December 21, 1974

There appears to be an inconsistancy between the data presented in the inspection report and the data available at the plant. Enclosed is a requested copy of the rod scram time data, however, as can readily be seen, there is no corrolation between the report and the data.

February 11, 1975

The evaluation indicated that the particular control rod, 34-51, was a unique problem involving either the method of scram recording, or a problem with the insert and withdraw valves. As a precaution, the control rod was inserted to 00 and valved out of service. Repairs were made to the insert valve allowing full operation of the control rod.

Procedures will be established by December 15, 1975 regarding control rod scram time testing. These procedures will include documented evaluations, where required, and incorporate the existing Technical Specification regarding scram times and evaluations.

Concerning the Alledged Deficiency

The Administrative Procedure, AP-16A, has been implemented. This was completed on September 26, 1975. The Plant Superintendent and the Operation's Supervisor have been informed as to the method of implementing an Administrative Procedure when it supersedes a Standing Order.

Very truly yours,

R.R. Schneider

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Vice President
Electric Operations

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