



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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15 JAN 1979

Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. R. R. Schneider
Vice President
Electric Operations
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, New York 13202

Gentlemen:


Subject: Inspection 78-21

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. Architzel of this office on December 11-14, 1978, at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Scriba, New York, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-63 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Architzel with Messrs. T. Lempges, T. Perkins and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to subsequent telephone discussions between Mr. T. Stetka and Mr. L. McNeer on December 18, 1978, Mr. T. Stetka and Mr. T. Perkins on December 19, 1978, and Mr. R. Architzel and Mr. T. Perkins on December 21, 1978.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further items of noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC'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 NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) 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 be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b)(4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. 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,


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

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection
Report Number 220/78-21

cc w/encl:

- T. E. Lempges, General Superintendent, Nuclear Generation
- T. J. Perkins, Station Superintendent
- C. L. Stuart, Operations Supervisor
- E. B. Thomas, Jr., Esquire
- A. Z. Roisman, Natural Resources Defense Council (Without Report)

