

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION I  
631 PARK AVENUE  
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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. R. R. Schneider  
Vice President  
Electric Operations  
300 Erie Boulevard West  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-220/78-15

This refers to your letter dated December 1, 1978, in response to our letter dated November 9, 1978.

Based on the information provided in your letter dated December 1, 1978, and telephone conversations between Mr. J. P. Stohr and Dr. M. Shanbaky of this office and Mr. T. Lempges of your staff on January 3 and 4, 1979, item A will be considered as a licensee identified item. Our records will be modified to reflect this change. However, it is our understanding that all the environmental water samples will be analyzed at your contractor's laboratory until your proposed environmental laboratory is completed, so as to ensure an acceptable level of analytical sensitivity.

With regard to item B, based on the above conversation, it is our understanding that the referenced procedure will be further modified with consideration to operator action so as to ensure that flow reversal operations do not cause the Technical Specification 2.1.5 temperature limits to be exceeded.

With regard to items D and E, your interpretation has been reviewed and has been found to be incorrect. The eight hours, within any 24 hour period, do not have to be consecutive. Therefore these items will remain as items of noncompliance. Please provide this office, within twenty (20) days, as previously requested, a written response 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.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter and discussed in the aforementioned telephone conversations. These actions will be examined during a subsequent inspection of your licensed program.

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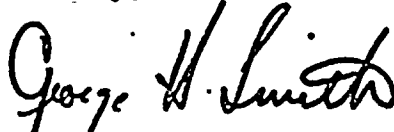


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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,



George H. Smith, Chief  
Fuel Facility and Materials Safety  
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