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SUBJECT: Informs NRC that Radwaste Reduction Sys is being deferred, as current schedule for demonstration does not provide timely review of results prior to installation & increased effort in designing sys has increased.

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attn: Mr. Thomas Ippolito, Chief  
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Ippolito:

Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-220  
DPR-63

On December 13, 1978, Niagara Mohawk submitted a request for approval of the Radwaste Reduction System pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 20.305. On March 22, 1979, Niagara Mohawk informed you that construction of the new Radwaste Building, which houses the Radwaste Reduction System, is scheduled to begin in March, 1980.

By this letter, Niagara Mohawk hereby informs you that the Radwaste Reduction System is being deferred. Two of the prime reasons for this deferral are:

- 1) the current schedule for the demonstration Radwaste Reduction System unit, to be built and tested at the supplier's facility, does not provide timely review of the results prior to installation at Nine Mile Point Unit 1, and
- 2) unexpected increased effort in designing the system which connects the Radwaste Reduction System to the Solidification System.

Design of the Solidification and Storage Building, which was described in our letter to you of November 30, 1979, is continuing. Construction of this building remains scheduled to begin in early 1980. Installation for the Radwaste Reduction System will be delayed beyond initial construction.

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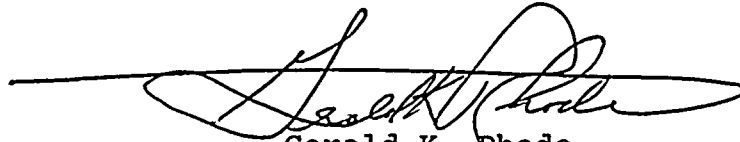
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After the demonstration test program, we plan to re-evaluate the system. Should this re-evaluation be favorable, Niagara Mohawk will finalize the design of the Radwaste Reduction System, and provide the final design information and installation schedule to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald K. Rhode", is written over a horizontal line.

Gerald K. Rhode  
Vice President  
System Project Management

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