

September 12, 1979

Mr. Robert T. Carlson, Chief  
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Support Branch  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
631 Park Avenue  
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RE: Docket No. 50-220  
Inspection Report 79-13

Dear Mr. Carlson:

*This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R.A. McBrearty of your office on April 24-25, May 1-4 and May 8-13, 1979 at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1. The following is submitted in response to the alleged infraction detailed in Appendix A of your letter dated August 21, 1979:*

The Nine Mile Point Unit #1 Technical Specification 6.8.1 states, in part, that "Written procedures...shall be established, implemented, and maintained."

Specification 22A6904, "Preheat and Postweld Heat Treatment for Steam Outlet Safe End Replacement", paragraph 4.3.3. states that "Thermocouple temperatures shall be recorded on a multi-channel chart recorder. In addition, the thermocouple shall be read and recorded on a temperature log sheet at intervals not to exceed 1/2 hour".

Contrary to the above, on May 9, 1979, thermocouple readings were recorded at one hour intervals on Temperature Log Sheet No. 2 for May 8-9, 1979.

RESPONSE

*A telephone conversation on May 10, 1979 with General Electric, verified that the practice of the one-hour interval for preheat logging was acceptable since we were using a continuous recorder on the temperature and a person was assigned at all times to insure that the minimum heat temperature was at least maintained. However, this person was instructed to commence logging the temperature at 1/2 hour intervals, therefore, full compliance has been achieved.*

Sincerely yours,

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