

December 17, 1979

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

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

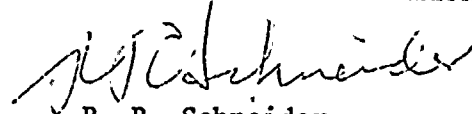
Dear Mr. Grier:

Your November 20, 1979 I.E. Bulletin 79-26 addressed concerns regarding the loss of boron from BWR control blades.

Niagara Mohawk has a control blade changeout program which assures control blades do not exceed the lifetime limit of 34 percent B<sup>10</sup> depletion averaged over the upper 1/4 of the blade. This program is in compliance with the preferred action contained in I.E. Bulletin 79-26. Therefore, implementation of items 2, 3 and 4 of the Bulletin are not required.

Very truly yours,

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