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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-220/79-20; 79-25

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messers. L. Thonus, G. Yuhas, and F. Costello of this office on June 21-22, and September 25-28, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-63 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Yuhas and Mr. Costello with Mr. Lempges and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to the meeting held at your office on October 16, 1979 attended by yourself, Mr. Lempges and Mr. Leach of your staff and by Mr. Allan, Mr. Stohr and Mr. Yuhas of our staff.

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, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have 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. In addition to the need for corrective action regarding these specific items of noncompliance, we are concerned about the implementation of your management control systems that permitted them to occur. Consequently, in your reply, you should describe in particular, those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your management control systems.

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With respect to Items A and C of the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter, we note these items were previously identified during inspections conducted on August 22-24, 1977, November 27-29, 1978 and March 13-16, 1979 and brought to your attention in our letters dated October 14, 1977, January 5, 1979 and May 16, 1979. Your response letters dated November 4, 1977, January 29, 1979 and June 8, 1979 stated that corrective actions had been taken. Since these items were again identified during our June 21-22 and September 25-28, 1979 inspection, it appears your corrective actions were either not implemented or were ineffective. Therefore, in your response please give these matters your particular attention.

With respect to the discussions held with you on October 16, 1979, regarding your radiation protection procedures, we would appreciate your informing us of your plans to review and or revise your procedures to make them more specific in terms of actions to be taken during routine and nonroutine operations.

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,


Boyce H. Grier
Director

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report Nos. 79-20 and 79-25

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

