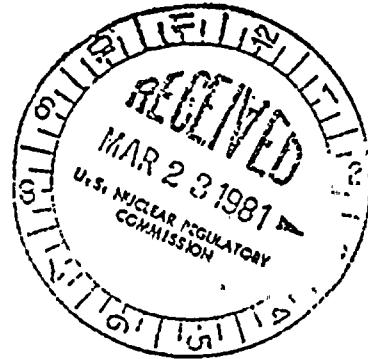


March 20, 1981

Mr. Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555.

RE: License No. DPR-63
EA-81-08



Dear Mr. Stello:

In our recent discussions following the Notices and Orders issued on November 26, 1980, we have considered with you the relative merits of a lead cave and a lead brick when used in conjunction with a portable high-range monitor. The purpose of the brick or cave is to assure that accurate readings are obtained with the portable monitor. As a result of those discussions we have retained SAI to evaluate the efficacy of the monitor under postulated accident conditions as part of SAI's ongoing evaluation of the high-range radiation detection system at the plant. SAI has advised us that as a result of the postulated radioactivity in the stack, the lead brick, which has since been enclosed in a lead cave, would not have prevented distortions in the readings.

We have also discussed the significance of Niagara Mohawk's correspondence to the NRC. As we have stated, our engineers understand and are so instructed, that all correspondence to the NRC, including status letters, are commitments of the company and are to be literally observed unless changed by subsequent written correspondence.

Moreover, we acknowledge that the previous submittals were not completely accurate and that more diligence must be applied in verifying the complete accuracy of information supplied to the NRC. This recognition is reflected in the implementation of the new procedures submitted in our previous responses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas E. Lempges".

Thomas E. Lempges
Vice President Nuclear Generation

