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SUBJECT: Advises that util does not plan to submit 10CFR30 application for license to store low level radwaste for more than 2-yrs. Current requirements of 10CFR50.59 adequate for NRC approval of low level waste facility.

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May 12, 1981

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. Thomas A. Ippolito
Chief Operating Reactors Branch #2
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

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

Dear Mr. Ippolito:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission memorandum, SECY-80-511, provided the Staff's recommendations to require 10 CFR Part 30 licenses for facilities which store low level radioactive waste for periods greater than two years.

As your staff is aware, Niagara Mohawk has begun construction of a low level radioactive waste facility which is scheduled to be in operation by May, 1982. This building has been designed to allow the capability to temporarily store wastes for up to five years. Niagara Mohawk does not intend to store waste for extended periods, unless disposal is prohibited at licensed disposal sites. The purpose of the storage facility is to provide a buffer for periods when shipment off site is restricted.

Niagara Mohawk believes that the current regulations (i.e., 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation) are adequate in terms of Nuclear Regulatory Commission review and approval of the facility. Therefore, we are not anticipating submitting a 10 CFR Part 30 application as proposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff. Submittal and subsequent Nuclear Regulatory Commission review would likely result in unwarranted delay in operation of the new facility.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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