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SUBJECT: Advises of delay re requirement for alerting & providing instruction to public within exposure plume pathway. Early warning sys will not be installed by 810701 due to equipment delivery delays. Completion & testing scheduled for Oct 1981.

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June 30, 1981

Mr. H.R. Denton, Director
Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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

Dear Mr. Denton:

10CFR Part 50 requires that licensees demonstrate that administrative and physical means have been installed for alerting and providing prompt instruction to the public within the plume exposure pathway. This is required to be done by July 1, 1981. This letter is to inform you that the early warning system being installed around Nine Mile Point Unit 1 will not be installed by July 1, 1981 due to delays in equipment deliveries. The system is scheduled for completion and verification testing by the end of October 1981.

The system being designed for the 10 mile emergency planning zone around Nine Mile Point Unit 1 consists of sirens, and tone alert radios. In the high to medium population zones, sirens will be installed to assure that individuals are alerted. The tone of these sirens will be distinct from other warning systems, and is consistent with the Civil Defense "Alert" signal (3-5 minute steady signal) as specified in Appendix 3 of NUREG 0654. Instructions will be provided to residents to listen to a designated radio or television station for instructions, in the event that the sirens are activated. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration activated tone alert radios will be provided to households where siren warning cannot be assured.

In the interim, until the physical warning system is installed, public notification will be performed in accordance with the Oswego County Radiological Emergency Response Plan Procedures for Law Enforcement and Fire/Rescue. In summary, this would involve the use of currently installed Civil Defense and Fire Department Sirens, in addition to mobile sirens with bullhorns to notify residents. If practical, this warning will begin at the downwind sectors first, and continue until the emergency planning zone populace has been notified.

Very truly yours,

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