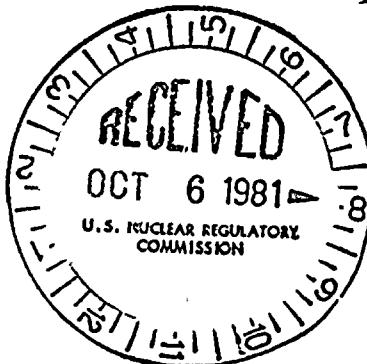


Docket No. 50-220

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Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. T. E. Lempges
Vice President
Nuclear Generation
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, New York 13202



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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-07

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. J.J. Kottan of this office on March 23-25, 1981 at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-63 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Kottan with Mr. M. Silliman and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Kottan of this office and Mr. E. Leach of your staff on March 30, 1981.

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, and observations by the inspector.

In addition, our Mobile Laboratory was also brought to your site and used by the inspector to make certain independent measurements. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability for analyzing radioactive effluents, and to achieve and maintain comparable methods of analyses between your facility and the NRC. The complete data from these measurements will be reported in a subsequent Inspection Report.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding;

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and (b) submit within 25 days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Consistent with section 2.790(b)(1), 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 full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). 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 periods noted above, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room. The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Eldon J. Brunner, Chief, Projects
Branch No. 1, Division of Resident
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection
Report Number 81-07

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