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SUBJECT: Informs that schedule for completion of remaining technical audits & addl info re design verification activities will be provided by 850211, per 850128 request.

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February 4, 1985  
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Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
Division of Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Subject: Nine Mile Point Unit 2  
Design Verification Activities

As you requested in your letter of December 4, 1984, we met with members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff on January 28, 1985 to discuss our activities related to providing confidence in the design process implemented for Nine Mile Point 2. During this meeting, Niagara Mohawk made a presentation describing the subject activities being performed for the Unit 2 project. After this presentation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff indicated that, with additional information to be provided by Niagara Mohawk, the Engineering Assurance in-depth, technical audit program being performed by Stone & Webster should provide adequate confidence in the design and that an additional Independent Design Verification Program would not be necessary.

During the meeting, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff indicated that several actions needed to be completed in order to ensure acceptable resolution of this issue. The major action is the performance of the remaining two technical audits scheduled for Unit 2. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff requested that they be kept informed of the schedule for these audits so that they could coordinate with their inspection schedule. The staff also requested that we provide more information regarding the plans for these final audits, so that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would have the opportunity to provide appropriate input.

Niagara Mohawk will provide the schedule for the remaining technical audits by February 11, 1985. At this time, we will also provide additional information on the overall technical audit program, including which additional factors will be incorporated into the plans for the final audits and our subsequent assessment of the overall effectiveness of the design process. Three weeks prior to the initiation of the next technical audit we will provide the necessary planning information so that you can review and provide

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any appropriate input. This information will include a detailed audit plan for the remaining technical audits, a plan for our overall assessment of the evaluations of design processes which have been performed including Engineering Assurance technical audits, Engineering Assurance and Quality Assurance program reviews and other evaluations, which provide the basis for confidence in the design process, and a detailed completion schedule.

We appreciate the opportunity the staff provided us to present our program. We believe the schedule of actions we had developed will support the current licensing schedule for Unit 2 and provide the information necessary for the staff to complete this section of the Safety Evaluation Report.

Very truly yours,

  
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