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Gentlemen:

Subject: Nine Mile Point 2 Engineering Assurance Program (EAP) Technical

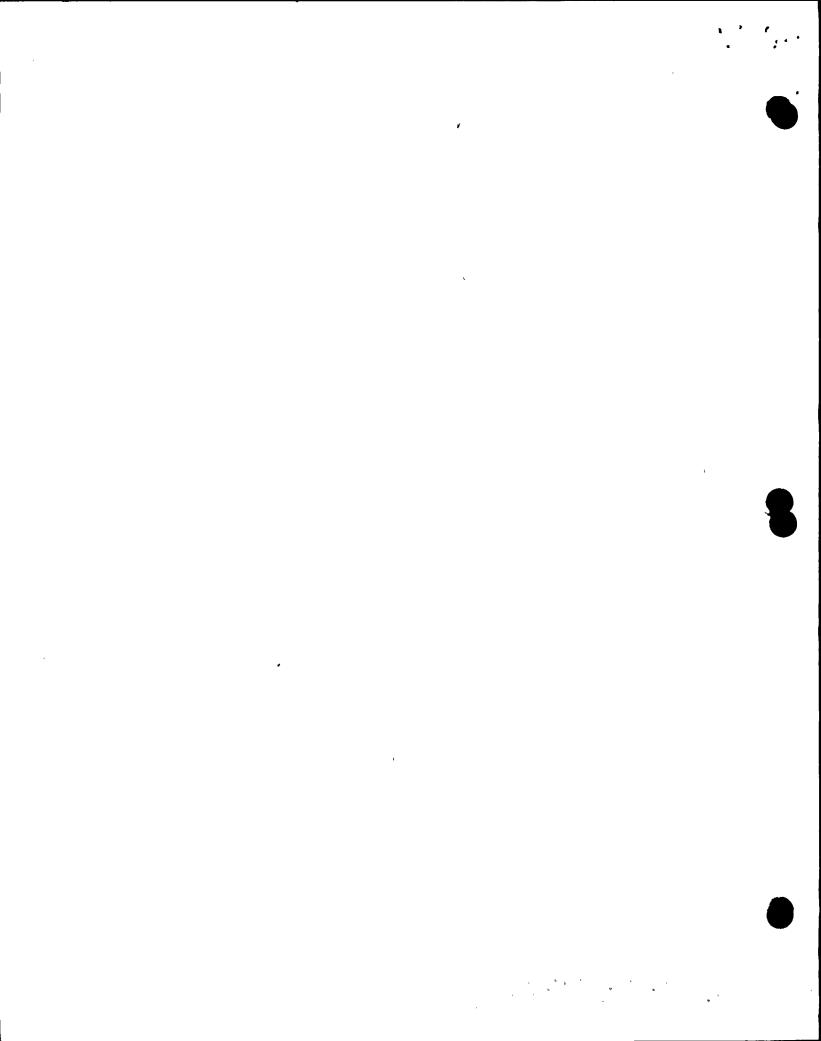
Audit Implementation Inspection Report 50-410/85-18

This letter conveys the results of the program plan implementation inspection of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (NMPC) EA Technical Audit (Ref. NMPC) Program for Completion of the Engineering Assurance In-Depth Technical Audits - Nine Mile Point 2 Project EA-106 Revision 1 dated April 18, 1985) of the Nine Mile Point 2 Project. The inspection was conducted by the NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement. The team was composed of personnel from NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement and consultants. A representative from the NRC Region I office attended the inspection exit meeting. The NRC's inspection of implementation of the program plan and procedures for the In-Depth Technical Audit was conducted at the site of the audit at the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation's (SWEC) Cherry Hill Operations Center in Cherry Hill, N.J.. The inspection took place from May 21, 1985 to May 24, 1985.

The NRC's implementation inspection of the EA Technical Audit of Nine Mile Point 2 was organized into the five major disciplines involved; viz, mechanical systems, mechanical components, civil/structural, electric power, instrumentation and controls. In each of these areas, the NRC inspectors assessed whether the audit was being conducted in accordance with the approved program plan and supporting procedures and whether the audit was being conducted in sufficient technical depth and detail to be an acceptable mechanism for providing additional assurance that the design of the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 complies with all licensing commitments and regulatory requirements.

The most significant item identified by the NRC Inspection Team on the implementation of the Nine Mile Point 2 Engineering Assurance Technical Audit Program was that in some instances the review was not conducted in a sufficiently comprehensive manner. Specifically, in some instances:

Corporate procedures, design guides, and computer codes were accepted by the EA Team Auditors without verification against regulatory design requirements or commitments.



- EA Team Auditors were making judgements as to the design adequacy without requesting justification from SWEC project personnel concerning generic aspects of the design process.
- Potential action items were informally presented to project personnel by EA Team Auditors for comment prior to formally preparing an action item. This is not in accordance with audit procedures.

Specific comments of the NRC inspection team are provided in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Implementation Inspection Report.

The NRC inspection team has been informed that corrective actions on many of the areas identified in the enclosed Implementation Inspection Report are already in process by the EA Audit Team. In this regard, we understand the audit schedule has been extended to better ensure that the objectives of the audit are met. A formal response to the above concerns is not required. The final audit report will be examined to determine whether resolution of these items has been accomplished.

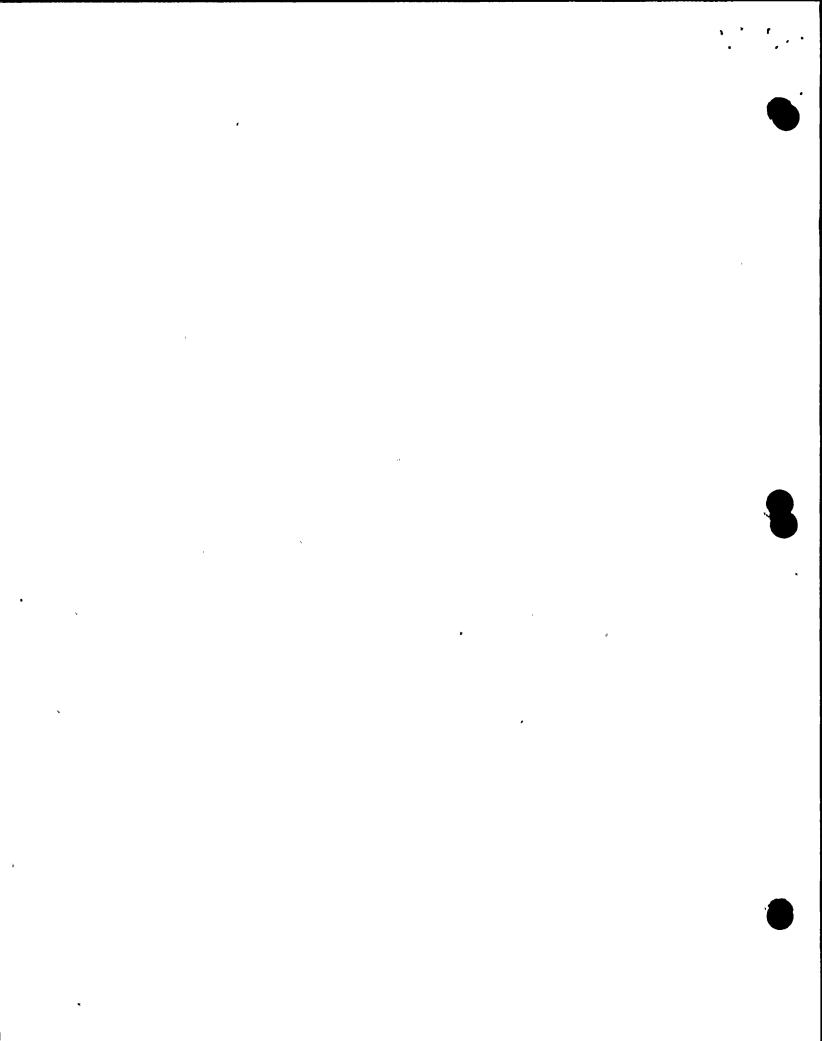
The report number for the Nine Mile Point 2 Engineering Assurance Program (EAP) Technical Audit and Quality Assurance Preparation Inspection Report dated May 10, 1985 should be changed to read 50-410/85-14.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Implementation Inspection Report

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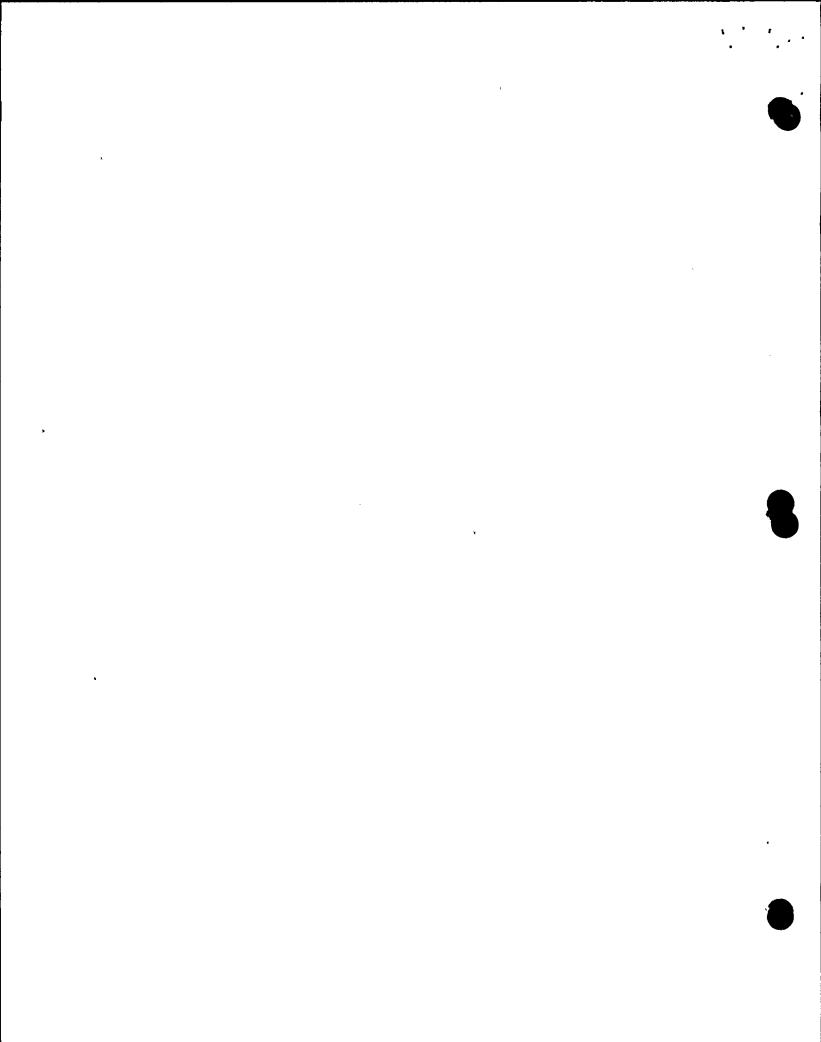
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