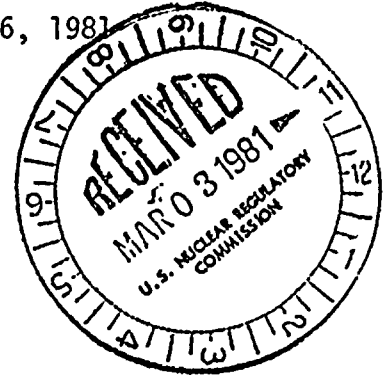


February 26, 1981

Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attn: Mr. Thomas A. Ippolito
Chief Operating Reactors Branch No. 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:

Our submittal of March 22, 1978 requested approval of the use of poison design spent fuel storage racks in the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 spent fuel storage pool. Section 2.2 of that submittal outlined a proposed test program to be conducted at Nine Mile Point Unit 1 to verify the ability of the poison absorber material to function in the spent fuel pool environment.

Since the date of our submittal, extensive studies have been performed on the effects of radiation on the poison absorber material. The use of this material as a neutron absorber in the spent fuel pool environment has been approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under USNRC Docket No.s 50-226 and 50-301 (NRC letter from A. Schwencer, Chief, Operating Reactors Branch No. 1 to S. Burstein, Wisconsin Electric Power Company dated April 4, 1979).

Based on the results of studies performed to date and the previous acceptance of this material by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a separate and duplicate test program will not be conducted at Nine Mile Point Unit 1.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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D. P. Dise
Vice President Engineering

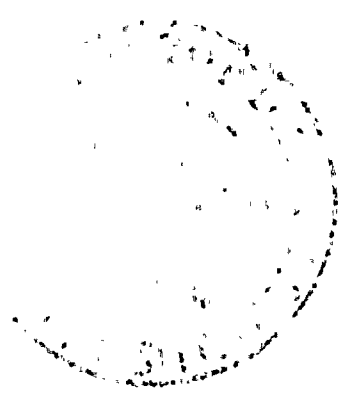
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