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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. C. V. Mangan
Senior Vice President
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, New York 13202

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-220/86-09

The routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. Cook and Mr. C. Marschall of this office on May 19 to July 6, 1986 at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1 is documented in the enclosed Inspection Report. Mr. Cook and Mr. Marschall presented a summary of the findings to Mr. T. Roman and Mr. H. Barrett of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of our 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, Appendix A. This violation has been categorized as Severity Level IV in accordance with 10 CFR 2, Appendix C. You are required to respond to this letter and, in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Of particular concern to the staff is the withdrawal of control rods without sufficient verification of Rod Worth Minimizer operability. We are also concerned that similar maintenance-related activities, like the work conducted on the Rod Worth Minimizer on June 18, 1986, may not be properly controlled by your administrative procedures to ensure appropriate post-maintenance testing is performed. Your response to the above violation should also address these issues.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

~~Original~~ Signed By:

Samuel J. Collins, Chief
Projects Branch No. 2
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-220/86-09

cc w/encl:

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