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SUBJECT: Clarifies position on schedule for performing preoperational test of containment atmospheric monitoring sys at facility. Test will be completed before initial criticality (Operating Mode 2).

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Ms. Elinor G. Adensam, Director  
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Dear Ms. Adensam:

Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-410

This letter is intended to clarify Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's position concerning the schedule for performing the Preoperational Test of the Containment Atmospheric Monitoring Systems at Nine Mile Point Unit 2. The deferral of the completion of this test until after fuel load was discussed in Niagara Mohawk letters NMP2L-0680 dated April 7, 1986 and NMP2L-0707 dated May 7, 1986. The former letter committed to completing the test before entering Operating Mode 3. The later letter committed to completing the test before entering Operating Mode 3 and also in the Conclusion, committed to test completion before Initial Criticality which is Operating Mode 2. This last commitment, performing the test before Initial Criticality, is when the test will be performed since Operating Mode 2 is entered before Operating Mode 3. As correctly stated in both letters, the Containment Atmospheric Monitoring Systems are required to be operational by the Technical Specifications before entering either Operating Modes 1, 2 or 3. Niagara Mohawk intends to fully comply with this requirement.

Very truly yours,

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