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SUBJECT: Clarifies intent to maintain qualified fire brigade members per App R to 10CFR50. Site fire brigade members will initially be required to meet physical & agility requirements of NPFA 1001.

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-220  
.....DPR-63.....

Dear Mr. Zwolinski:

In our letter of July 9, 1981 regarding fire brigade staffing, we indicated that "all leaders and brigade members would be required to pass the physical and agility requirements of NFPA 1001." Niagara Mohawk believes that the strict application of this standard on an annual basis is overly restrictive, since Section III.H of Appendix R to 10CFR50 only requires an annual physical examination to determine a person's ability to perform strenuous fire fighting activities. The purpose of this letter is to clarify our intent in maintaining qualified fire brigade members in accordance with the regulation.

Site fire brigade members will initially be required to meet the physical and agility requirements of NFPA 1001. Areas which are identified as questionable during these examinations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by our medical consultant to determine an individual's ability to perform strenuous fire fighting activities. Thereafter, brigade members will not be required to meet the requirements of NFPA 1001. Instead, an annual examination and agility test, with subsequent evaluation by our medical consultant, will determine an individual's capability to perform as a member of the site fire brigade.

Very truly yours,

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