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request.

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December 30, 1986 (NMP2L 0963)

Ms. Elinor G. Adensam, Director BWR Project Directorate No. 3 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 7920 Norfolk Avenue Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

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

The following information on the Nine Mile Point 2 downcomers is provided as requested by Nuclear Regulatory Commission letter dated November 26, 1986.

1. Efforts and Progress on Downcomers

At the meeting held with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff on April 2, 1986, various options were discussed concerning physical modifications and load reductions. Since that time, a feasibility study was conducted and a conceptual design was developed for a hardware modification. This entailed reinforcements on the upper part of the downcomers. This effort demonstrated that mechanical stiffening is possible.

Also, as a result of the load reduction effort, Kraftwerk Union (KWU) evaluated the Karlstein Test Group (KTG) data and identified two tests as controlling for applications below 3-Hz. Pressure response spectra were then developed and compared to Kernkraftwerk Brunsbuettel (KKB) trace 35, which is currently the basis for the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 downcomer design. The resulting response spectra exhibited the anticipated 35-percent SRV load reduction.

On August 1, 1986, we started reanalysis of the downcomer design to incorporate a suppression pool cutoff temperature of 130°F. In support of this effort, General Electric provided digitized Condensation Oscillation data. This data incorporated the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 pool temperature cutoff. These data indicated that the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Condensation Oscillation load definition could be reduced by 35 percent using the LaSalle pool temperature cutoff approach (also see Item 4 for more details).

The above summarizes the primary efforts and progress since April 1986.

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2. Schedule for First Refueling Outage

The schedule for the first refueling outage has not been established, but will be in the Spring or Fall of 1989.

3a. Schedule for Submittal of Downcomer Design Reanalysis

The final report will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by May 15, 1987.

3b. Schedule for Submittal of Proposed Modification Descriptions

Proposed modifications, if required, will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by May 15, 1988.

4. Discussion of Options Presently Being considered by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

In addition to the hardware modification discussed above, the only option currently being considered to resolve the downcomer issue is a demonstration that adequate safety margin exists in the present downcomer design. This effort includes reevaluation of the hydrodynamic loads using the NUREG acceptance criteria. Both the load calculation and the downcomer analysis will be a straightforward application of approved procedures in order to facilitate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission review.

Hydrodynamic load reductions would include using the Karlstein test traces for the SRV load specification. This method has been used by Shoreham and was accepted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in NUREG 0802. Hydrodynamic load reduction would also employ the suppression pool temperature cutoff on 4TCO data. The pool temperature limit approach has been used by LaSalle and documented in the Mark II generic Condensation Oscillation load definition report, and subsequently has been accepted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in NUREG 0808. The option of using the acoustic method to recalculate the Condensation Oscillation submerged structure load is being delayed, although it was discussed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff in April 1986. This decision is based on the consideration that using established and approved methods without alteration is the best way of resolving the downcomer issue in a timely manner.

General Electric is specifying the Condensation Oscillation load definition for Nine Mile Point Unit 2 based on a pool temperature limit of 130°F. Kraftwerk Union has defined the SRV load for Nine Mile Point Unit 2 using the Karlstein traces. The downcomer analysis will be performed using the specified load definitions.

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5. Schedule for Final Decision as to Which Option Will Be Pursued

The date for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's final decision as to which option will be pursued is February 1, 1988 (latest date at which engineering design of hardware must commence to avoid impact on completion of modifications).

6. Schedule for Completion of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Review in Order to Avoid Impact on Restart Schedule

The window for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission review of the reanalysis of the downcomer design is from May 15, 1987 to January 1, 1988.

7. Schedule for Procurement and Installation of Equipment Required for Modification

The schedule for procurement of equipment required for modification, if needed, begins on August 1, 1988, with installation beginning in the Spring or Fall of 1989.

8. General Schedule Information Concerning Downcomers

The following Chronology of Events shows the overall schedule for the resolution of the downcomer problem.

#### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

August 1, 1986	Start reanalysis of the downcomer to incorporate 130°F temperature cutoff
February 1, 1987	General Electric and Kraftwerk Union provide revised forcing functions
February 1, 1987 to May 1, 1987	Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation reanalysis - calculate final faulted stress
May 15, 1987	Submit reanalysis for Nuclear Regulatory Commission review
January 1, 1988	Nuclear Regulatory Commission review and provide comments

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> If the final decision is to reinforce the downcomers, the following schedule would be applicable.

### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

February 1, 1988 - May 1, 1988

Final design

May 1, 1988 - August 1, 1988

Bid and award contract

August 1, 1988 - February 1, 1989

Procure material and plan outage modifications

Very truly yours,

C. V. Mangan Senior Vice President

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