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 1,000 lb or greater, per NUREG-0612, "Control of Heavy Loads  
 at Nuclear Power Plants."

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Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1  
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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify Niagara Mohawk's position with respect to the definition of a Heavy Load. Our letter of August 1, 1982, transmitted a report on Heavy Loads which indicated that Niagara Mohawk defined a heavy load as anything weighing more than a fuel assembly, or approximately 700 pounds. NUREG-0612, "Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Power Plants," indicates that a Heavy Load shall be defined as the weight of the plant's spent fuel assembly plus its lifting device. Although the weight of a fuel assembly plus its handling tool is greater than 1000 pounds, Niagara Mohawk conservatively has redefined a heavy load as 1000 pounds or greater; this is also consistent with Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Technical Specification 3.9.7.

Very truly yours,

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