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SUBJECT: Forwards Operational Readiness Team Insp Rept 50-410/87-16  
 on 870601-0612 & notice of violation. Unresolved item re  
 exemption from certain licensed operator requalification  
 classes identified.

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Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-410/87-16

This refers to an Operational Readiness Team inspection conducted by Mr. J. Johnson and other representatives of the NRC on June 1, 1987 to June 12, 1987 at Nine Mile Point Unit 2, Scriba, New York. A summary of the findings was presented to Mr. T. Perkins and other members of your staff periodically during the inspection and to you at the conclusion of the inspection. A violation of NRC regulations involving management control of feedwater system valve operations and testing was identified during the inspection. You are required to respond to this violation as described in Appendix A to this letter.

Overall, the inspection team found that licensed activities were controlled in an acceptable manner. The operators were knowledgeable and exhibited a strong sense of responsibility. However, the team found that site management was sometimes slow in identifying and correcting onsite problems. The team also identified weaknesses in training programs, and certain other weak policies and practices. In addition, an unresolved item regarding exemption from certain licensed operator requalification classes was identified. In your response to this report, please include those actions you have taken or plan to take regarding the weaknesses summarized in Sections 1.2 and 6.1 of the attached report.

Since it is possible that these weaknesses indicate a declining performance trend, I suggest that you carefully evaluate them. I would like to meet with you to discuss your evaluation of these findings and your self-assessment of plant operations during the power ascension test program.

The responses requested 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.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

William F. Kane, Director  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-410/87-16

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