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 status boards to track fire zone detection & suppression sys  
 status. Boards now in place.

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RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 2  
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Gentlemen:

Attached is Niagara Mohawk's response to the Notice of Violation contained in Inspection Report No. 50-410/87-20, dated September 16, 1987.

Very truly yours,

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Response to Notice of Violation 50-410/87-20-01

VIOLATION 50-410/87-20-01

As a result of the inspection conducted on June 8, 1987 to July 19, 1987 and in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10CFR2, Appendix C) the following violation was identified:

Nine Mile Point Unit 2, Operating License NPF-54, Technical Specifications 3.3.7.8.b and 3.7.7.2.a require that when specified fire suppression and/or fire detection zones are inoperable, an hourly Fire Watch Patrol shall be established to patrol the effected zones.

Contrary to the above, on June 18, 1987, between 11:50 and 1:45 p.m., Fire Detection System 243SW and Fire Suppression System 242NW were rendered inoperable and compensatory hourly Fire Watch Patrols were not performed for the effected zones.

RESPONSE

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation accepts that the event described above represents a violation of Technical Specification Sections 3.3.7.8 and 3.7.7.2. This event was identified by NMPC and reported to the NRC in Licensee Event Report 87-035.

The root cause of this event was that the Fire Chief did not adequately brief the relief Fireman as to the nature and duration of the posted Firewatch. A significant contributing factor was that the inoperability of the fire detection system for the Reactor Building track bay (where the Fire Watch was posted) was not tracked. This resulted in the relief Fireman not having knowledge of the inoperable status of the fire detection system when he left his post.



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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Positive actions have been implemented to prevent further reoccurrence of this event. These actions include:

- (1) Installation of Fire Zone Status Boards to track fire zone detection and suppression system status. These boards are now in place in both the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 and Unit 2 Fire Chief office areas.
- (2) Fire Chiefs are required to specifically log all short term system disconnects so that subsequent shifts will be aware of Fire Zone status.
- (3) The specific incident has been reviewed with Fire Department personnel as a part of the continuing department training.
- (4) A Lessons Learned Book has been implemented for both the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 and Unit 2 Fire Department.
- (5) Procedure N2-FDP6 will be reviewed for deficiencies which may have contributed to these occurrences. If required, additional instructions and guidance for posting Fire Watch Patrols will be incorporated into the procedure to provide better control over these activities. Any revisions will also be reflected into the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Fire Protection Program. This activity, including any required changes will be completed by October 30, 1987.

COMPLIANCE

Full compliance with the Technical Specifications was achieved at 1345 on June 18, 1987 when a Fireman returned the detector switches for Fire Zones 242NS and 243SW to operable status.

