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Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission request to document information provided verbally by Niagara Mohawk on July 14, 1988, regarding the feedwater heaters at Nine Mile Point Unit 1.

During the current refueling outage, wall thickness measurements made during inservice inspection of non-safety related feedwater heaters showed inadequate reinforcement of the inlet and outlet nozzles. In all cases (total of 16 Westinghouse supplied feedwater heaters), the measured nozzle wall thickness was below the minimum recommended by the vendor and ASME Code. The original vendor was the Heat Transfer Division of Westinghouse Corporation which is now part of the EFCO Division of Marley Heat Transfer Corporation. Subsequent measurement of the head wall thickness and evaluation confirmed that each Westinghouse heat exchanger was acceptable for service under ASME Code Section VIII 1965 Edition. Although these heat exchangers are utilized solely in a non-safety related application at Nine Mile Point Unit 1, it is possible that the same vendor may have provided heat exchangers in safety-related applications to other nuclear power plants. Accordingly, Niagara Mohawk is providing notification of the condition.

Very truly yours,

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