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Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Lawrence Burkhardt, III
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Self Assessment Initiatives

Region I is aware that many licensees have implemented or are planning to conduct self-assessment programs to enhance their awareness of the effectiveness of activities that could affect safe plant operations. NRC fully supports such initiatives and is interested in factoring consideration of such programs into our inspection program planning for future SALP cycles.

To that end, I request that you provide the NRC, via the Senior Resident Inspector, your current schedule including dates and topics for self-assessment activities. Additionally, at future SALP management meetings, we request that you provide your best estimate for self assessment activities to be conducted in the next SALP period. In this way, we will better be able to schedule our inspection activities avoiding conflicts and making more productive use of available inspection resources.

This request does not constitute a regulatory requirement, but rather it is made in an attempt to enhance NRC's inspection process by giving appropriate consideration to licensee self-assessment initiatives.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact either me or the responsible Region I DRP Branch or Section Chief for your facility.

Thank you for your cooperation with us in this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel Collins
William F. Kane, Director
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