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Docket No. 50-410

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
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Executive Vice President - Nuclear  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-220/88-20 and 50-410/88-20

This letter transmits the results of the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Cook, R. Laura, R. Temps and others of this office on November 18, 1988 through January 6, 1989 at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. A summary of the findings was presented to Mr. R. Abbott and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

During this period the inspectors noted three different errors made during the work release process in Unit 2. Two errors were related to the tagout system, and the other was the result of maintenance being performed on the wrong component. Although individually these events are of minor safety significance, we are concerned that they indicate a downward trend in performance, specifically inattention to detail. At the exit meeting, your staff acknowledged our concern and stated corrective action was already in progress to reverse this trend. We intend to closely monitor this recent trend in performance at Unit 2 and discuss our observations with you during our routine communications.

The inspectors also identified an unsatisfactory condition in the Unit 2 service water bays involving uncontrolled leakage of service water spilling on equipment and electrical components in the space. We are particularly concerned that this condition apparently existed for sometime without appropriate attention or corrective action by your staff.

In addition, as discussed in section 7.e. of the enclosed report, please respond to this office confirming your intentions in resolving the Unit 1 vital equipment access controls and your tentative schedule for completion of this effort.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL No. 96-511.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

1) NRC Region I; Combined Inspection Report No. 50-220/88-20 and 50-410/88-20

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