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Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
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Gentlemen:

This letter is in reply to Generic Letter 89-16 dated September 1, 1989 regarding Installation of a Hardened Wetwell Vent. Your letter stated that the Commission has directed the Staff to approve the installation of a hardened vent under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 for licensees who elect to incorporate this plant improvement. Your letter concludes that a reliable hardened wetwell vent allows for consideration of coordinated accident management strategies by providing design capability consistent with safety objectives.

Niagara Mohawk will ensure provisions exist for Wetwell venting at Nine Mile Point Unit No. 1 by evaluating existing systems for adequacy or performing necessary modifications. The criteria which will be used to perform the evaluation will consider licensing bases and Emergency Operating Procedure implementation requirements. Modifications will be installed under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 utilizing portions of existing systems to the greatest extent possible. Our estimated schedule for installation of modifications, should they be necessary, is the second refueling outage after our current outage, which is tentatively scheduled for March 1994.

Very truly yours,

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