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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Lawrence Burkhardt, III
Executive Vice President
Nuclear Operations
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-220/90-05

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. L. J. Wink of this office on July 9 - 13, 1990, at Nine Mile Point Unit 1, Scriba, NY of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-63 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. L. J. Wink with Mr. K. Dahlberg of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were observed. However, as discussed in the enclosed inspection report, a concern was identified involving your method of performing single control rod scram time testing. We understand that you plan to revise your surveillance procedure in accordance with current vendor guidance and, in the future, perform single control rod scram time testing with the control rods isolated from the charging pump. You are requested to respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter and confirm this commitment.

The response requested by the 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 96-511.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

ROBERT M. GALLO

Robert M. Gallo, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-220/90-05

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