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Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. C. Mangan
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Dear Mr. Mangan:

Subject: Licensee Engineering Initiatives

Nuclear power plant licensees, industry groups, professional societies, and the NRC have devoted substantially increased attention to nuclear power plant engineering program enhancements in recent years. Many licensees have undertaken significant positive initiatives in the engineering area, including design basis document (DBD) updates, safety system functional inspections, and other engineering program improvements.

In order to share experiences and foster a disciplined and coordinated approach to engineering initiatives, licensees in the NRC Region V area have established an Engineering Managers' Forum. This forum has held several meetings since it was initiated in 1988, and has issued a formal charter plus two guideline documents dealing with plant design basis documentation and other engineering programs. Appropriate liaison has been provided with INPO and NUMARC regarding the forum efforts and guidelines. The forum plans to issue additional guidelines, on subjects which include engineering backlog, spare parts, and qualification of engineers. Forum members have indicated that their counterparts in NRC Regions II and III are also in the process of setting up similar working groups.

I encourage you and other power reactor licensees in Region I to initiate a similar initiative that would provide for the sharing of information and experiences involving engineering initiatives and solution of problems common to all. A cooperative effort of this nature would promote efficiency and enhance the effectiveness of nuclear power plant engineering activities.

The current chairman of the Region V Engineering Managers' Forum is Mr. John Allen of Arizona Public Service Company, telephone (602) 340-4181. If you should desire additional information regarding the approach being taken by their forum, you

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may contact him or Mr. Ed Sterling, (602) 340-4176. Should you wish to discuss this matter further with this office, please contact me or Mr. M. Wayne Hodges at (215) 337-5359.

Sincerely,

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