

ENCLOSURE

Notice of Violation

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Nine Mile Point Unit 2
Scriba, New York

Docket No. 50-410
License No. NPF-69
EA 92-010

During an NRC inspection conducted on December 15, 1991 through January 4, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions, "10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991), the particular violation is set forth below:

Technical Specification 6.8.1 requires that written procedures be established, implemented and maintained covering the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix "A" of Regulatory Guide 1.33, February 1978. Regulatory Guide 1.33, February 1978, Appendix A, Section 2, General Plant Operating Procedures, requires, in part, that specific procedures be written for the preparation for refueling and refueling equipment operation. NMPC mechanical maintenance procedure, FHP-004, Movement of Containers and Fuel on Reactor Building Elevation 353'-10", Section 7.2, written to meet this requirement, requires that: (1) bundle hold-down fixtures be placed on the container near the top; (2) safety straps be secured around the metal shipping container (MSC); and, (3) two men be required to guide the MSC during lifting to prevent shock to the fuel bundles.

Contrary to the above, on December 19, 1991, mechanical maintenance personnel did not: (1) install bundle hold-down fixtures over each of two new fuel bundles; (2) secure safety straps around the MSC; and (3) have two people present to guide the MSC during lifting to prevent shock to the fuel bundles. As a result two fuel bundles were dropped and damaged.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provision of 10 CFR 2.201, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (NOV). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

