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Docket Nos. 50-220  
50-410

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia  
Executive Vice President - Nuclear  
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
301 Plainfield Road  
Syracuse, New York 13212

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

Subject: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(Combined Inspection 50-220/92-21; 50-410/92-24)

This letter refers to the safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. Furia of this office on August 31 - September 4, 1992, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-63 and NPF-69, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. J. Furia with Mr. N. Rademacher, Mr. J. Conway and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are important to public health and safety and included radiological controls during normal operations and the radwaste programs at both units, as 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.

Your radiation protection program during normal operations continued to show improvement at both units, especially in the areas of work control and radiological housekeeping, and your program for the assurance of quality in this area remained a notable strength. However, two violations of NRC requirements were identified in the areas of radwaste and transportation at Unit 1, as documented in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The first involved a shipment of dewatered spent bead resin made from your facility on July 31, 1992, which upon arrival at the Barnwell Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility was determined to contain free standing liquid in excess of the permissible limit. The second involved a shipment of contaminated laundry made to Interstate Nuclear Services that was to have included 16 packages, as documented on the shipping papers, but which contained only 15 packages.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
Richard R. Keimig

James H. Joyner, Chief  
Facilities Radiological Safety  
and Safeguards Branch  
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-220/92-21; 50-410/92-24

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