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Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63
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Nine Mile Point Unit 2
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NPF-69
TAC No. M83900

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN NO. 92-01, SUPPLEMENT 1, FAILURE OF THERMO-LAG 330 FIRE BARRIER SYSTEM TO PERFORM ITS SPECIFIED FIRE ENDURANCE FUNCTION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Bulletin 92-01, Supplement 1, requests licensees to take specific actions regarding all Thermo-Lag 330 fire barrier installations used to protect safe shutdown capability. This letter provides Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's response to the supplement actions for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2 (NMP1 and NMP2).

Niagara Mohawk has limited applications involving Thermo-Lag 330 installed at NMP1 and NMP2 within the scope of Bulletin 92-01, Supplement 1. The specific plant applications of Thermo-Lag 330 beyond those described in NMPC's July 24, 1992 response to Bulletin 92-01 (attached) are as follows:

- NMP1:
- HVAC duct protection in Turbine Building running from the Control Room to the Auxiliary Control Room.
 - Pull Box 19717Y in the Screenhouse.
- NMP2:
- 2SWP*MOV50A in the Screenwell Building.
 - HVAC ducts running through each Emergency Diesel Day Tank room.
 - HVAC duct in Control Building - 279' elevation.
 - Cover on Control Building dumbwaiter - 317' elevation.

After identifying the above applications of Thermo-Lag 330, appropriate compensatory measures were taken in accordance with plant procedures. Specifically, on August 28, 1992, roving fire watches were established and verification of the operability of fire detectors on one side of the suspect fire barriers was completed to ensure fire barrier integrity for all components listed above. These compensatory measures are consistent with the technical specifications, UFSARs, and licensing bases.

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We conclude, after evaluating the additional testing reported in Supplement 1, that more test information will be necessary to ascertain whether installation differences at Nine Mile Point assure the subject fire barriers' operability. Accordingly, we have declared the Thermo-Lag fire barriers identified herein and in our response to Bulletin 92-01, dated July 24, 1992, inoperable.

Appropriate actions to restore fire barrier operability are being developed through an industry program being coordinated by NUMARC. This program will include establishment of a test database, development of guidance for applicability of tests, development of generic installation guidance, and consideration and coordination of additional testing as appropriate. We will apply the results of these efforts, when completed, to the Thermo-Lag installations within the scope of Supplement 1 to Bulletin 92-01 and Bulletin 92-01.

Niagara Mohawk will continue the prescribed compensatory measures until corrective actions can be identified and implemented to assure or restore the operability of the affected fire barriers.

Very truly yours,



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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN NO. 92-01, FAILURE OF THERMO-LAG 330
FIRE BARRIER SYSTEMS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Bulletin 92-01 requests licensees to take specific actions regarding Thermo-Lag 330 fire barrier installed to protect small diameter conduit and cable trays that provide safe shutdown capability. This letter provides Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's response to the bulletin actions for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2 (NMP1 and NMP2).

Niagara Mohawk has limited applications involving Thermo-Lag 330 installed at NMP1 and NMP2 within the scope of Bulletin 92-01. There is no Thermo-Lag 330 installed on any cable trays at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2. The specific plant applications involve conduit only and are as follows:

- NMP1:
- Conduits 171-71A, 171-71, 171-151, 171-64A and 171-66 located in the missile barrier enclosure within Diesel Generator 103 Room. All five of these conduits are 1.5".
 - Conduit 12B-26A located in the Screenhouse on Elevation 256' at column and row R-13. This conduit is 1.0".
- NMP2:
- Conduits 2CC200GM and 2CK201GL located in the Screenwell Building (service water pump room). The conduit sizes are 1.0" and 1.5", respectively.

After identifying the above applications of Thermo-Lag 330, appropriate compensatory measures were taken in accordance with plant procedures. Specifically, on July 1, 1992, roving fire watches were established and verification of the operability of fire detectors on one side of the suspect fire barriers was completed to ensure fire barrier integrity for all conduits listed above. These compensatory measures are consistent with the technical specifications and licensing basis.

Appropriate actions to restore fire barrier operability are being developed through an industry program being coordinated by NUMARC. This program will include establishment of a test database, development of guidance for applicability of tests, development of generic installation guidance, and consideration and coordination of additional testing as appropriate. We will apply the results of these efforts, when completed, to the Thermo-Lag installations within the scope of Bulletin 92-01. Niagara Mohawk will continue the above compensatory measures until definitive corrective actions are taken to restore operability to the affected fire barriers.

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