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Docket No. 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: REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION,
REPORT NO. 50-410/92-23 (OL)

During the week of November 15, 1992, the NRC conducted a requalification examination at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2. The examination was conducted in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," Rev. 7 (Draft). The results of this examination were combined with the results of the requalification examination administered by the NRC from December 2 to 5, 1991, and described in Examination Report Number 50-410/91-25 (OL) to make a program evaluation.

In the current evaluation, three crews including ten individual operators were evaluated. Of this group, one crew and one individual failed the simulator portion, while all others passed all portions of the examination. When combined with the 1991 results, five of six crews passed the simulator portion and 18 of 20 individuals passed all portions of the examination. Based on these results the requalification program at Nine Mile Point 2 is satisfactory.

The open reference written examination was an area of your requalification program that was found to have programmatic weakness. Approximately 30 percent of the Section B questions submitted to the NRC by the facility had to be rewritten or revised to meet all of the standards set by ES-602. As a result of the NRC identified weakness, your staff has committed to review and upgrade this section of the examination bank.

During this requalification examination, a review of operator medical records was conducted to verify compliance with 10 CFR 55.21. The administrative controls and program implementation were determined to be in compliance with regulatory requirements and no discrepancies were identified.

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At the conclusion of the evaluation, findings related to the preparation and administration of the requalification examinations were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions regarding this evaluation, please contact Mr. R. Conte, Chief, BWR Section, at (215) 337-5210.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Enclosure: Examination Report No. 50-410/92-23 (OL) with Attachments

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