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Docket Nos. 50-220
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Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
Executive Vice President - Nuclear
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
301 Plainfield Road
Syracuse, New York 13212

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

**Subject: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report No. 50-220/92-25 and
50-410/92-29**

This refers to the results of the routine resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Schmidt, W. Mattingly, S. Greenlee, and P. Drysdale from November 1 through December 12, 1992, at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. Mr. Schmidt discussed the inspection findings with members of your staff at the exit meeting conducted on December 22, 1992.

This inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety. The enclosed NRC Region I Inspection Report describes the areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of observation of activities in progress, interviews with personnel, and selective examinations of procedures and representative records.

Both units were operated safely by your staff. Excellent response to a degrading condition in the reactor protection system at Unit 2 and subsequent excellent response to the scram condition were observed. We do note that there was another partial loss of offsite power caused by a failure of an offsite breaker. The issue of control and maintenance of these breakers remains a concern because of their potential effect on and challenges to safety-related systems.

During observations of a surveillance test on the standby liquid control system we noted that testing personnel did not notify the inservice testing department or prepare a procedure change, as required by the procedure, when a test equipment gauge with a range outside of that specified by the procedure was installed and used. The safety significance of this installation was minor, because the gauge provided a digital read out. During our review we noted that the use of gauges with ranges outside the inservice testing plan requirements has been a previous problem. The failure to use appropriate equipment or make the appropriate notifications is a violation.

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Based on the results of this inspection, you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions relative to the Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional action you plan to prevent recurrence of these types of issues.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
CURTIS J. COWGILL

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Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/92-25 and 50-410/92-29
2. Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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