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Docket Nos. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-220/91-10

This refers to an inspection conducted by a representative of the Washington Department of Health on March 26, 1991, of a shipment of radioactive waste from Nine Mile Point Unit 1. The shipment was inspected upon its arrival at the Hanford Disposal Site at Richland, Washington.

Results of the inspection are summarized in the letter from the Washington Department of Health, dated March 29, 1991, which was previously sent to you by the State of Washington.

Based upon the results of the inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The violation involved the shipment of a cask to the burial facility in Washington which upon arrival at the burial site was determined to have external, non-fixed (removable) contamination on the cask in excess of the limits specified in NRC regulations. The violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions", 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief  
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-220/91-10

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