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Docket Nos. 50-220
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Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
301 Plainfield Road
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

Subject: Combined Inspection Nos. 50-220/91-15 and 50-410/91-13

This letter refers to the initial inspection of the Fitness-for-Duty (FFD) Program developed for and being implemented at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The inspection was conducted on July 9-12, 1991, by Mr. R. J. Albert of this office.

Areas examined during this inspection are 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.

Based on this inspection, we determined that the development and implementation of your FFD program are responsive to both the spirit and intent of the FFD rule and that the program is aggressive, comprehensive and directed toward assuring the public health and safety. We also found that the professionalism and technical expertise exhibited by personnel involved in administering the program are commendable.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. However, one unresolved item was identified concerning two supervisors, with behavioral observation responsibilities, who were not trained within three months of assignment, as required by the NRC's FFD rule. This potential weakness, as well as two others, in the areas of contractor employees with infrequent unescorted station access and policies and procedures which do not address actions to be taken when trace amounts of alcohol are detected during FFD testing, deserve your prompt attention to assure that programmatic problems do not develop.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Enclosure:

NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/91-15 and 50-410/91-13

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