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Docket Nos. 50-220/50-410

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

Subject: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/91-12 and 50-410/91-12

This refers to the results of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Schmidt, R. Laura, and R. Temps from June 23 to July 27, 1991, at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. The inspection findings were discussed with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

This inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety as identified in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Overall, performance in the areas reviewed was generally good. However, our inspectors identified instances of inadequate control of temporary modifications at both units, as described in section 7.3 of the enclosed inspection report. Temporary blowers were installed to cool two fire panels in the reactor building at Unit 1 and mechanical flushing water jumpers were installed on the service water radiation monitors at Unit 2. In both instances, the alterations were made without adherence to the temporary modification program. The safety significance of these issues was minor. Nonetheless, we are concerned about the failure of your staff to properly implement these alterations to plant equipment, as well as apparent weaknesses in addressing past problems in this area. This issue is considered an unresolved item, pending further NRC review of the NMPC temporary modification process. However, this matter is brought to your attention for your information and consideration of actions as you deem appropriate. No response is requested or required at this time.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report No. 50-220/91-12 and 50-410/91-12

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