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Docket Nos. 50-410

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
Executive Vice President - Nuclear
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Nine Mile Point
Post Office Box 63, Lake Road
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-410/92-06 (OL)

During the weeks of May 11 and 18, 1992, the NRC administered initial examinations to employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Nine Mile Point Station, Unit 2. A requalification retake examination was also administered to a reactor operator. At the conclusion of the examinations, the preliminary findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

The test results indicate that the reactor operator passed his requalification retake examination and twelve of the fourteen candidates passed all portions of the initial examination. Two reactor operator candidates failed the written portion of the exam.

We had some difficulty in preparing an operationally oriented examination. This was because the reference material provided for examination preparation was incomplete, lacked detail, and did not have well-developed learning objectives in a number of cases. A number of procedural deficiencies were noted also.

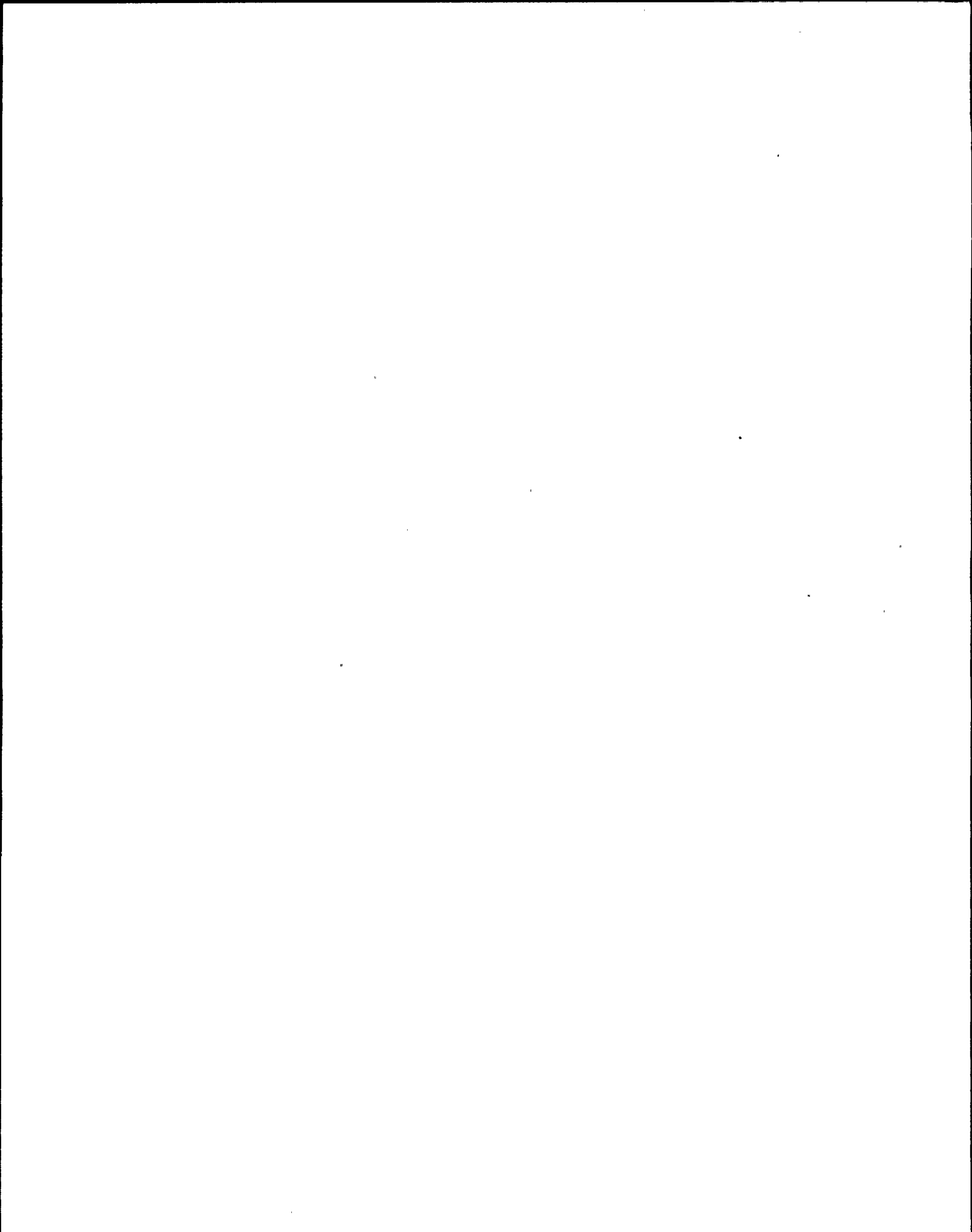
During the process of application review, it became clear that eligibility requirements for reactor and senior reactor operator candidates were not clearly defined in facility procedures used to evaluate candidate eligibility.

We have discussed these issues with your staff at the exit meeting and in a telephone conversation on July 1, 1992. It was agreed during the telephone call that a meeting with your staff would be scheduled for late August or September to continue discussions on these issues. Section 2 of the enclosed report provides the details.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any question regarding this information, please contact Richard Conte at (215) 337-5210.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Lee H. Bettenhausen, Chief
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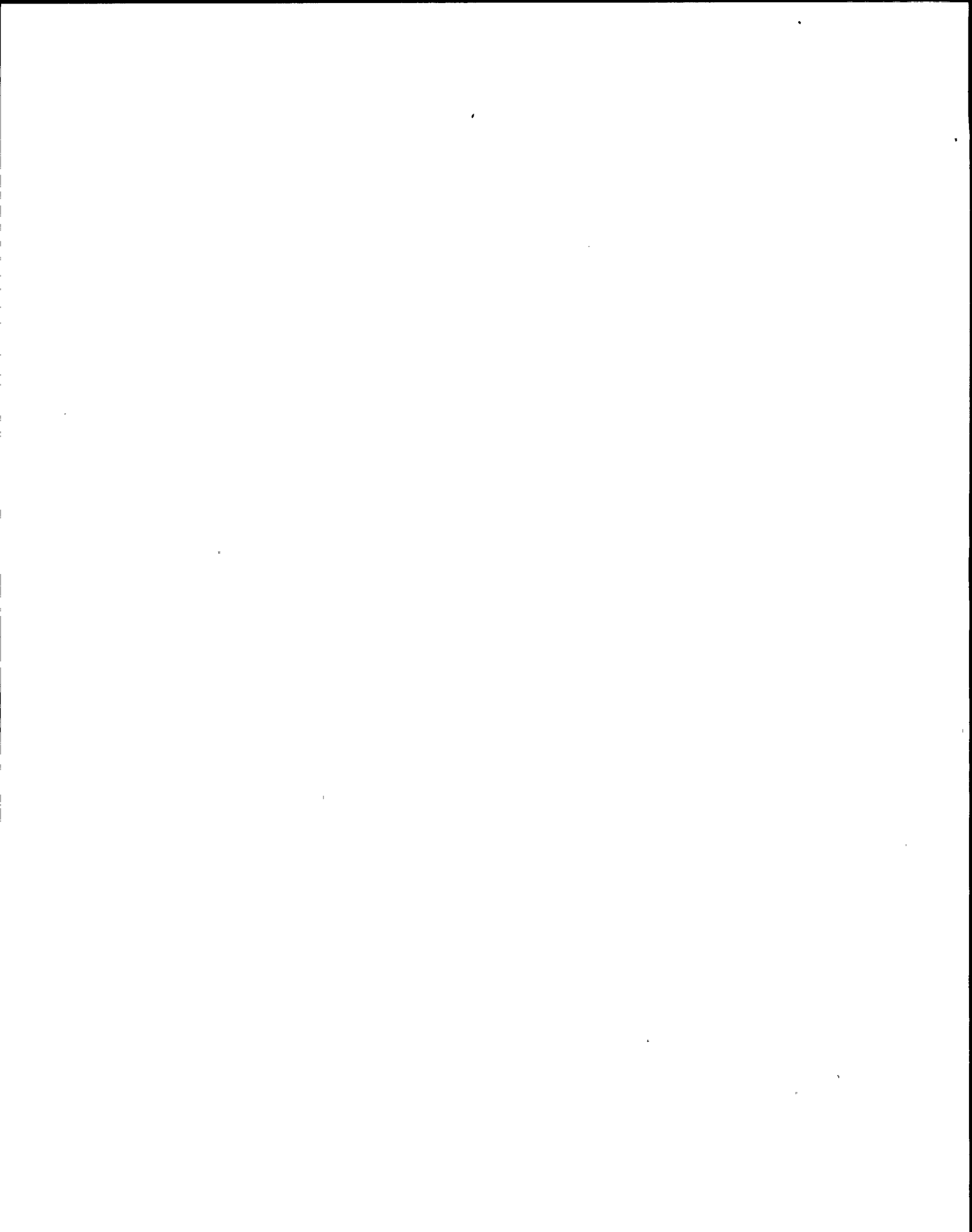
Enclosure: Examination Report No. 50-410/92-06 w/Attachments 1-5

Attachments:

1. RO, SRO, and LSRO Examinations and Answer Keys
2. Facility Comments on Written Examination
3. NRC Resolution of Facility Comments
4. Simulator Facility Report
5. Exit Attendees

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