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Docket No. 50-410

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia  
Executive Vice President - Nuclear  
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-410/92-27

This letter refers to the safety inspection led by Mr. J. H. Williams of this office from September 14 - 18, 1992, at Nine Mile Point, Unit 2, of activities authorized by NRC License No. NPF-69 and to the discussions of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. 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 review of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The follow-up was necessary (and will continue) because it addressed your resolution of safety significant findings and conclusions noted by the NRC Incident Investigation Team for the loss of power incident on August 13, 1991.

Overall, your corrective actions in response to the IIT report were appropriate, and you met your commitments. This inspection verified certain actions as described in your letter of May 11, 1992, to Mr. Hodges that you have taken in response to the findings and conclusions of NUREG-1455, "Transformer Failure and Common-Mode Loss of Instrument Power at Nine Mile Point, Unit 2, on August 13, 1991." We continue to have concerns over the adequacy and use of procedures at Nine Mile Point, Unit 2. Based upon this inspection, procedure adequacy is an unresolved item. The use of procedures during the August 13, 1991, transformer failure event is also unresolved. We will follow up on these issues in the future.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by*

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-410/92-27

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