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 monitoring transient operation of primary components &
 piping.

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Docket No. 50-410

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Dear Mr. Sylvia

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-410/93-04

This letter refers to the safety inspection of engineering and technical support activity related to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) Nine Mile Point Station Unit No. 2 (NMPU2) conducted by Mr. A. Lohmeier of this office during the period March 22-26, 1993, in Lycoming, New York. At the conclusion of the inspection, his findings were discussed with Mr. McCormick, Jr., and members of the NMPU2 engineering and licensing staff.

The scope of this inspection included review of your engineering and technical support effectiveness in monitoring transient operation of primary components and piping. As the plant increases in age, it is important to have identified those component and piping transients approaching the numbers of cycles for which they have been designed. Effective performance in these areas by your engineering and technical support personnel is important to the safe operation of the plant and protection of public health and safety.

Based on the results of this inspection, your engineering and technical support staff effectively addressed these areas, properly recording and evaluating the effect of plant operating cycles on the remaining life of primary components. Your engineering staff has identified the fact that the number of start up and shutdown cycles to date has been at a rate greater than that anticipated for the design of the components and piping under fatigue loading. An action plan is under consideration to ameliorate the potential problem of primary components and piping operating beyond the design basis for fatigue strength before the 40-year anticipated plant lifetime. Your support of these considerations will be helpful.

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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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