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Docket No. 50-220

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: SECOND 10-YEAR INTERVAL INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM PLAN AND
ASSOCIATED REQUESTS FOR RELIEF - NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION
UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. M83099)

By letter dated March 30, 1992, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), submitted the Second 10-Year Interval Inservice Inspection Program Plan (NMP1-
ISI-002, Revision 0), the Component Support Program Plan (NMP1-IWF-003
Revision 0), Pressure Testing Program Plan (NMP1-PT-004, Revision 0), and
associated requests for relief from the ASME Code requirements that NMPC had
determined to be impractical to perform during the Second 10-Year Inservice
Inspection Interval for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit No. 1
(NMP-1). By letter dated February 5, 1993, NMPC responded to the NRC staff's
December 3, 1992, request for additional information (RAI) regarding the
Second 10-Year Inservice Inspection Program Plan. Clarification to a relief
request contained in the February 5, 1993, submittal was provided in a NMPC
letter dated April 21, 1993. An additional RAI to assess the proposed
reclassification of the control rod drive hydraulic, high-pressure coolant
injection, reactor feedwater, condensate pump inlet, and shutdown cooling
systems from safety-related to nonsafety-related was issued by the NRC staff
on September 29, 1993; NMPC responded to this RAI by letter dated November 3,
1993.

The NRC staff, with technical assistance from its contractor, the Idaho
National Engineering Laboratory, has reviewed and evaluated the Second
10-Year Interval Inservice Inspection Program Plan, Component Support Program
Plan, Pressure Testing Program Plan, associated relief requests, and
additional information submitted in response to our RAI. The conclusions and
recommendations of our contractor are presented in the enclosed Technical
Evaluation Report (TER) (EGG-MS-10769, June 1993). Our contractor concluded
in its TER that the NMP-1 Second 10-Year Interval Inservice Inspection Program
Plan was unacceptable and not in compliance with 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4), because
the control rod drive hydraulic, high-pressure coolant injection, reactor
feedwater, condensate pump inlet, and shutdown cooling systems had been
reclassified as nonsafety-related without prior NRC review and approval. Upon
further review of the reclassified systems, the NRC staff concluded that the
proposed reclassifications were acceptable.

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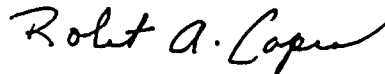
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We have determined that certain ASME Code Section XI requirements cited by NMPC are impractical to perform at NMP-1. In such instances, we have granted relief from those requirements. A summary of the requirements and the bases for granting relief are contained in the TER.

For the relief that is being granted, we have determined that the examination methods required by the ASME Code, as indicated in the TER, are impractical and that the relief granted is authorized by law and will not endanger life, property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest, giving due consideration to the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

The requests for relief comply with the standards and the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1. Accordingly, relief from certain provisions of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and the applicable addenda is hereby granted, as described in the enclosed safety evaluation and TER.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Safety Evaluation
2. Technical Evaluation Report

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