

May 23, 1995

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SUBJECT: STATION BLACKOUT INSPECTION, INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-410/95-07

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter transmits the NRC Region I inspection report for the announced station blackout inspection conducted by Mr. L. Cheung of this office from March 20-24 and April 3-7, 1995, at Nine Mile Point, Unit 2, in Scriba, New York. The purpose of this inspection was to review your programs, procedures, training, equipment, systems, and supporting documentation for implementing the Station Blackout Rule, 10 CFR 50.63, "Loss of All Alternating Current Power." At the conclusion of this inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

The inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety. Areas examined during the inspection are described in the NRC inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, the inspector determined that Nine Mile Point, Unit 2 (NM2), had implemented an acceptable program for the station blackout (SBO) rule. The inspector also determined that: (1) NM2 had an extensive emergency diesel generator operational trending program; (2) the SBO procedures provided appropriate and clear instructions for the operators to respond to a SBO event; (3) NM2 had established a good and thorough SBO training program for operations personnel; and (4) NM2 had provided good management oversight and in-depth self-assessment to the SBO implementation program.

The inspector identified a violation involving failure to follow an administrative procedure when a lower-tier station procedure was being revised. However, this violation was not being cited because the criteria specified in 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Section VII.B of the enforcement policy were satisfied.

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

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No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me at (610) 337-5376.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-410/95-02 with Attachment 1

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