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August 7, 1996

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia, Executive Vice President Generation Business Group & Chief Nuclear Officer Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Generation Business Group D-2 300 Erie Boulevard West Lycoming, New York 13202

SUBJECT: EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-410/96-08 (OL)

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

During the week of July 8, 1996, the NRC administered initial examinations to five employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2. At the conclusion of the examinations, the preliminary findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. One of the three RO applicants failed the written portion of the examination. The other ROs and both SRO applicants passed all portions of the examination and have been issued operating licenses.

Three plant operating procedure changes were made as a result of the examinations. These necessary changes indicated weak performance in the development and use of these procedures.

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.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at (610) 337-5211.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Glenn W. Meyer, Chief Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-410

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