

September 3, 1997

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
Executive Vice President
and Chief Nuclear Officer
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Nuclear Learning Center
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

In a telephone conversation on September 2, 1997 between Mr. John Caruso and Mr. John Toothaker, arrangements were made for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Nine Mile 2 facility. The inspection is planned for the week of October 20, 1997, which coincides with your regularly-scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

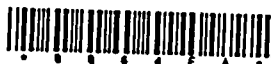
In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by October 13, 1997. Mr. Toothaker has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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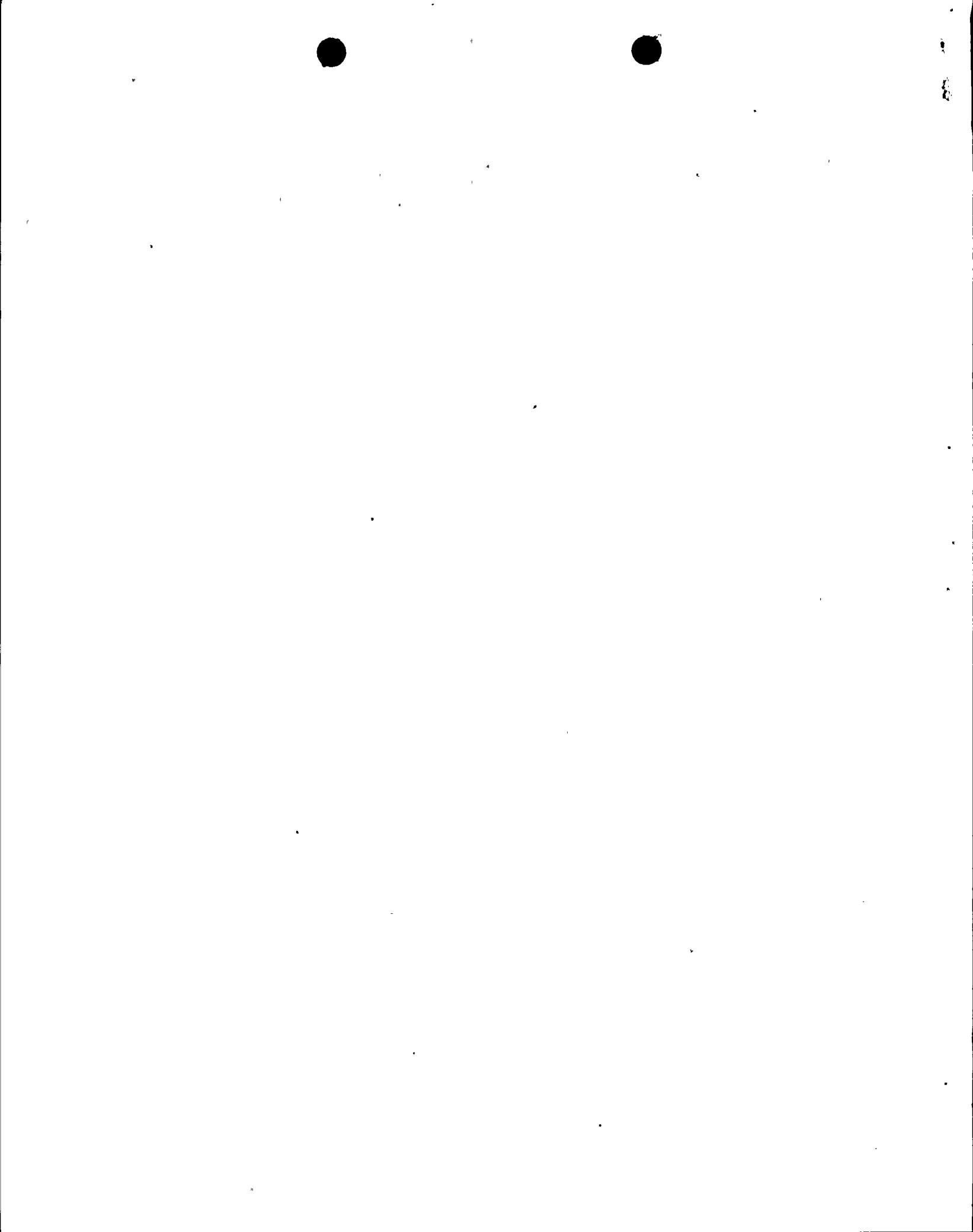
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact me at (610) 337-5211 or Internet address GWM@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

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