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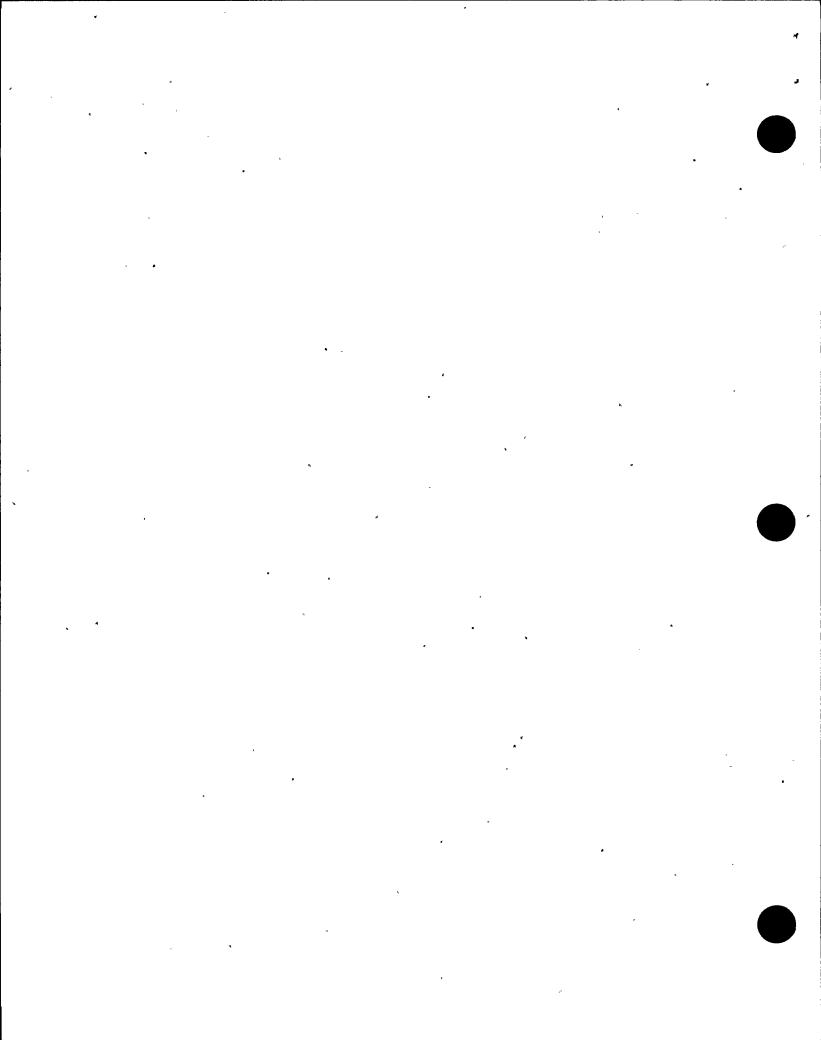
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NRC-EVALUATED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE -

NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT; INSPECTION REPORT

NOS. 50-220/97-10 AND 50-410/97-10

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

The enclosed report documents an inspection for public health and safety, led by Mr. D. Silk at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Plant, Scriba, New York, during the week of September 22, 1997. The inspection evaluated the performance of your emergency response organization during the September 24, 1997, full-participation exercise. The inspectors discussed the findings of this inspection with your staff on September 25, 1997.

Based on the results of this inspection, it was determined that the overall performance of the emergency response organization was very good. Simulated events were accurately diagnosed, proper mitigation actions were performed, emergency declarations were timely and accurate, and off-site agencies were notified promptly. No exercise weaknesses, safety concerns, or violations of NRC requirements were observed. However, an inspector follow-up item was identified because numerous emergency response organization positions were staffed, during the exercise, which are not specifically designated by your emergency plan. Because more responders were present than specified in your emergency plan, the inspectors had difficulty fully assessing the adequacy of the response of the organization described in your emergency plan. Although no adverse conditions resulted from the additional staffing, the emergency plan should reflect how your organization responds to an emergency. No response to this letter is necessary.

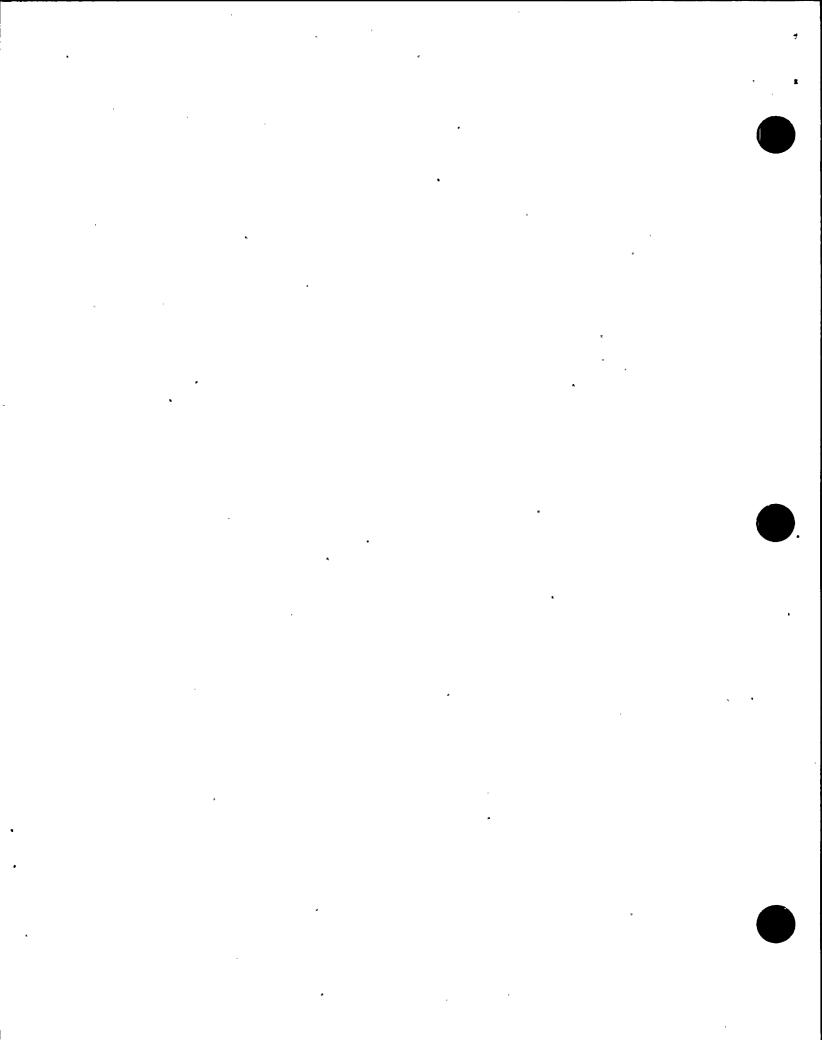
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