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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 2
Docket No. 50-410
NPF-69

Subject: LER 97-06, "Plant Shutdown Due to Rising Unidentified Leakage"

Gentlemen:

The subject LER describes the failure of a flex hose which caused increased unidentified drywell leakage, and subsequent shutdown of Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP2). Since metallurgical evaluation was required to determine the cause of the failed flex hose, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) stated that a supplement to the LER would be submitted by January 15, 1998. This letter is to inform the NRC that the metallurgical evaluation has taken longer than expected, due to the increased sample population required to clearly determine the cause. Therefore, the supplement to LER 97-06 will be delayed until March 15, 1998.

Based upon results to date, NMPC has concluded that delay in determining the cause does not pose a threat to public health and safety.

Very truly yours,

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