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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of the decision by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) to modify its commitment as contained in letters dated June 23, 1994 (NMP1L 0829) and December 15, 1995 (NMP1L 1014). These letters committed Nine Mile Point Unit 1 (NMP1) to perform periodic inspections of the feedwater nozzles in accordance with the requirements set forth in NUREG-0619, "BWR Feedwater Nozzle and Control Rod Drive Return Line Nozzle Cracking." As an alternative to the requirements of NUREG-0619, NMPC proposes to conduct feedwater nozzle inspections using the NRC approved recommendations of Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group (BWROG) Report GE-NE-523-A71-0594, "Alternate BWR Feedwater Nozzle Inspection Requirements," and the NRC safety evaluation.

The BWROG Report does not address Control Rod Drive (CRD) return line nozzle inspections. NMPC is, therefore, reaffirming its current commitment to perform periodic inspections of the NMP1 CRD return line nozzle in accordance with NUREG-0619, as amended by the aforementioned letter dated June 23, 1994 (NMP1L 0829), which was supplemented by the Request for Additional Information response letter dated December 15, 1995 (NMP1L 1014).

Very truly yours,



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