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SUBJECT: Forwards insp repts 50-220/98-16 & 50-410/98-16 on 980810-21 & notice of violation. Violation involved failure to properly evaluate & correct indications of low flow condition in core spray pump motor cooler in timely manner.

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**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-220/98-16 and 50-410/98-16  
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Mueller:

This report transmits the findings of an Safety System Engineering Inspection conducted by Mr. Larry Scholl and others at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, from August 10 through August 21, 1998. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. R. Abbot, Vice President of Engineering, and other members of your staff on August 21, 1998. The results of additional review and evaluation of information, which were conducted subsequent to the onsite inspection, were discussed with Mr. Gresock on October 26, 1998.

The engineering inspection focused on the Unit 1 Core Spray (CS) system and the Unit 2 Standby Gas Treatment (GTS) system. The inspection team found that the conduct of engineering was generally sound. Although some deficiencies were identified, the engineering performance associated with the systems reviewed was acceptable, and reflected an overall improvement from past performance.

However, the NRC has ~~determined that~~ a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it is described in detail in the enclosed inspection report. Specifically, the violation involved the failure to properly evaluate and correct indications of a low flow condition in a core spray pump motor-cooler at Nine Mile Unit 1 in a timely manner. The violation is of concern because it was identified by the NRC after the issues had been previously reviewed in detail by your staff.

For the violation discussed above, the NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed on the docket in Licensee Event Report 98-016. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed notice.

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Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-220, 50-410  
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Enclosures: Notice of Violation  
NRC Inspection Report No. 50-220/98-16;50-410/98-16

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