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SUBJECT: Informs that licensee plans to continue participating in JOG MOV-periodic verification program as member of BWROG & will implement program elements described in TR NEDC-32719, rev 2. Info provided per GL 96-05 re safety related MOVs.

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RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
 Docket No. 50-220
 DPR-63

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

Subject: *Response to Safety Evaluation-Joint Owners' Group Program Periodic Verification of Motor-Operated Valves*

Gentlemen:

On October 30, 1997, the NRC issued "Safety Evaluation on Joint Owners' Group Program Periodic Verification of Motor-Operated Valves Described in Topical Report NEDC-32719 (Revision 2)." The safety evaluation stated that, with the conditions and limitations described in the safety evaluation, "the staff considers that the Joint Owners' Group (JOG) Program on MOV Periodic Verification serves as an acceptable industry-wide response to Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves."

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The JOG agreed that after the issuance of the safety evaluation, participating utilities would notify the NRC of their plans to implement the JOG program described in Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group (BWROG) Topical Report NEDC-32719, Revision 2, and that any deviations from the program would be justified.

By this letter, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) is providing the requested notification for Nine Mile Point Unit 1 (NMP1) and Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP2). NMPC plans to continue participating in the JOG MOV-Periodic Verification Program as a member of the BWROG and plans to implement the program elements described in Topical Report NEDC-32719, Revision 2.

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Additionally, in accordance with the JOG position, NMPC is reporting the following change concerning its March 17, 1997, response to GL 96-05 for NMP2. In the March 17, 1997 response, it was stated that NMP2 will perform differential pressure (DP) testing of three high risk MOVs and one low risk MOV per cycle for the first two cycles, after completion of GL 89-10 (Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance), to establish degradation rates and evaluate the need for additional DP testing. NMPC wishes to report that the risk ranking (high vs. low) will be different from that stated in the March 17, 1997, response letter, as valves to be tested will be selected according to the recommendations of the JOG.

Sincerely,



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