



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations
FROM: Thomas T. Martin, Regional Administrator
SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT UNIT 2 RESTART PLAN

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has satisfied all commitments pertaining to the NRC incident investigation process as documented in Confirmatory Action Letters 91-12 and 91-13. Unit 2 restart is still on hold per CAL 91-13 until I release the licensee from that commitment.

I directed my staff to solicit feedback from all NRC parties involved in the immediate response to the August 13 event, as well as the members of the subsequent AIT and IIT investigation teams. The staff developed a list of issues based on this review and subsequently determined which issues should be part of the special restart readiness assessment team inspection plans. The readiness assessment team inspection (RATI) Inspection Plan is enclosed with this memorandum. I have selected C. Cowgill as the team manager and J. Beall as the team leader.

Based on feedback from the resident inspectors, members of the AIT, and the IIT debriefings, and coordination with NRR and AEOD, I propose to release Niagara Mohawk from the CAL 91-13 restart hold after the following actions are completed:

- Niagara Mohawk provides a written assessment of the event detailing all known or suspected deficiencies in equipment, procedures, and operator and emergency response organization actions, including corrective actions taken and planned. Additionally, the licensee formally provides its bases for Unit 2 restart readiness.
- NRC Region I special restart readiness assessment team completes its assessment in accordance with the enclosed inspection plan and concludes the plant is ready to restart.
- I have concluded the plant is ready to restart and have received the concurrence of NRR, AEOD and the EDO.

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Unless directed otherwise, I plan to proceed as proposed. The RATI has commenced inspection activities. If you have any questions or guidance on this matter, please call.



Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
As Stated

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