

July 24, 1981

Mr. Boyce H. Grier,
Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
671 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

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



Dear Mr. Grier:

Your letter of July 1, 1981, requested that Niagara Mohawk provide information regarding the Prompt Notification System for the plume exposure Emergency Planning Zone around Nine Mile Point Unit 1. The information below addresses your request.

Niagara Mohawk's letter to Mr. H.R. Denton dated June 30, 1981 indicated that the Prompt Notification System required by 10CFR 50 Appendix E would not be completed by July 1, 1981. That letter described the compensating actions being taken to fulfill the notification requirements. A brief description of the proposed notification system was also included.

A detailed description of the proposed system was submitted by Mr. T. J. Perkins, to Mr. Donald B. Davidoff, Project Manager, Nuclear Emergency Planning Group, New York State Department of Health, on May 27, 1981. We believe that this information was subsequently transmitted to the Federal Emergency Management Administration, for their review. Since the Federal Emergency Management Administration is responsible for reviewing the design and acceptance of this system, we do not believe that a duplication of the information to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is necessary. However, the basic design objectives of the notification system are to achieve the criteria for acceptance listed in Appendix III of NUREG 0645 Rev. 1.

Your letter also requested a description of problems hindering installation of the Prompt Notification System. Niagara Mohawk has experienced difficulties with manufacturers delivering the necessary equipment for installation of the outdoor siren system and the tone alert radio system. Specifically, long delivery times have been encountered for the outdoor siren system radio activation equipment as a result of a backlog of orders at the manufacturer. Additionally, delivery of the tone alert radios is not expected until October, 1981. An extended delivery time of these units has resulted from depletion of the manufacturers' parts inventory.

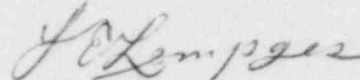
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As stated in our June 30, 1981 letter to Mr. Derton, the Prompt Notification System is currently scheduled for completion and verification testing by the end of October 1981. This schedule is highly dependent upon receipt of equipment in a timely manner.

Very truly yours,



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