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Docket Nos. 50-220
50-410

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
Executive Vice President - Nuclear
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
301 Plainfield Road
Syracuse, New York 13212

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

Subject: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC Combined Inspection Nos. 50-220/93-04; 50-410/93-03)

An announced safety inspection of the radiation protection program at your facility was conducted by Messrs. J. Furia and L. Eckert of this office on March 22-26, 1993. The inspection findings were discussed with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection on March 26, 1993.

Areas examined during this inspection are important to health and safety and included the radiation protection program. Areas inspected included your programs for: radiation safety during normal and outage operations, radiological work control and housekeeping, maintaining radiation exposures as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA), and assurance of quality. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Your radiation protection program for outage operations at Unit 1, and for normal operations at Unit 2, continued to show improvements, especially in the areas of work control and maintaining exposures as low as reasonably achievable. Continued strong performance in the area of Quality Assurance/Quality Control was also noted. However, one violation of NRC requirements was identified in the area of personnel monitoring and procedural compliance, as documented in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation involved two examples of workers entering a Radiation Controlled Area (RCA) without dosimetry.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence.

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As a result of errors identified in dosimetry records in early 1992 by your staff, you committed, among other actions, to review all dosimetry records over a three-year period and to provide a monthly report to the NRC Resident Inspector on the results of your ongoing review. In discussions with your staff held by telephone in late 1992, and confirmed during this inspection, we understand and accept that your commitment regarding the review of dosimetry records is being changed from a review of "all records" to those records of active personnel and any records requested by other licensees. In addition, your commitment to provide the NRC Resident Inspector with a monthly update on your progress is changed to quarterly.

Your cooperation with us in these matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief
Facilities Radiological Safety
and Safeguards Branch
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

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