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Docket Nos. 50-220
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Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

Subject: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/93-27 and 50-410/93-25

This letter transmits the results of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. B. Norris, R. Plasse, and W. Mattingly from October 31 through December 18, 1993, at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. The inspectors based their findings on observation of activities in progress, interviews with personnel, and selective examinations of procedures and representative records. The resident inspectors discussed the inspection findings with members of your staff at the exit meeting conducted on December 22, 1993.

Your staff safely completed a refueling outage at Unit 2 demonstrating strong outage planning, management control, and an obvious focus on safety at all levels of the nuclear organization. Control room staff performance and management involvement in the daily operation of both units continues to be a strength. However, two electrical distribution system transients and damage to the refueling bridge mast detracted from the otherwise good performance of your staff. The events were of low safety significance, but indicative of inattention-to-detail. Your staff aggressively reviewed and implemented corrective actions for these events.

This report also details a review of your Independent Safety Engineering Group's performance. The NRC is concerned that you have not fully utilized this groups ability to assess site performance. This issue is unresolved pending further NRC review. Additionally, enforcement discretion was applied regarding your prompt discovery and correction of a noncompliance issue with operator training.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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