

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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August 9, 1982

Mr. Thomas T. Martin, Director
Division of Engineering and Technical Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Re: Docket No. 50-220
Inspection Report No. 82-09

Dear Mr. Martin

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. S. Richards and R. Paolino of your office on June 15 through 18, 1982, at Nine Mile Point Unit #1, Scriba, New York, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-63 and to the discussions of your findings held by Mr. S. Richards of your office with Mr. T. Roman of our staff at the conclusion of the inspection and to subsequent telephone discussions between D. Beckman of your office and T. Perkins and T. Roman of our staff on June 25, 1982, and June 28, 1982.

ITEM A.

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, criterion V, requires activities affecting quality to be prescribed by and accomplished in accordance with documented instructions or procedures of a type appropriate to the circumstances. The licensee's Fire Protection Quality Assurance Program, dated June 25, 1979, Section 3.3, requires inspections tests, administrative controls, fire drills, and training required by the Fire Protection System be accomplished in accordance with current approved instructions or procedures. Fire Prevention Procedure No. NI-FP-2, "Welding and Cutting", requires a fire watch be stationed during welding and cutting operations.

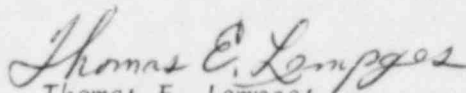
Contrary to the above, on June 17, 1982, Fire Protection activities were not conducted in accordance with approved procedures in that welding was observed in the Screen and Pump House without a fire watch present.

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RESPONSE

1. The following corrective steps were taken to correct the identified violations: The work on the part of the contractor involved was immediately suspended. A meeting was held with the station management and the affected contractor informing the contractor that any further violation of station procedures and/or policies would constitute a breach of its contract and would result in immediate work stoppage and removal from the station.
2. In addition to the actions listed above, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has increased its surveillance of on-site contractors to assure that all fire protection procedures and policies are being followed.
3. Due to these actions, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is presently in full compliance.

Very truly yours,



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