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Docket Nos. 50-220
50-410

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/91-02 and 50-410/91-02

This letter transmits the results of the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Cook, R. Laura, and R. Temps from January 4 to February 15, 1991, at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observations of activities. A summary of the inspection findings was presented to members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, your procedural implementation of a 10 CFR 50, Appendix J exemption for containment spray system check valves at Unit 1 appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. We are concerned about the violation because this Appendix J exemption was one of the Specific Issues addressed by your staff in the Unit One Restart Action Plan and purported to have received a higher level of attention and review.

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 action you plan to prevent recurrence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James C. Linville

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/91-02 and 50-410/91-02

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