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

SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/94-18 AND 50-410/94-20

This letter transmits the NRC Region I inspection report for the announced engineering and technical support inspection conducted by Mr. L. Cheung of this office from August 22-26, 1994, at Nine Mile Point, Units 1 and 2, in Scriba, New York. At the conclusion of this inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

The inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety. Areas examined during the inspection are described in the NRC inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, the engineering and technical support activities appeared to be effectively managed and of good quality. Good communications existed between the engineering organization and the plant. The quality assurance group was actively involved in identifying strengths and weaknesses of engineering activities. The backlog of engineering activities was effectively controlled. Evaluations of generic technical issues were thorough and of good quality. However, the inspector observed that the modification for the hydrogen/oxygen monitoring system was ineffectively implemented. A second plant modification is required to make the system functional. The second modification could have been avoided if engineering had verified with the analyzer vendor, during the early design stage, that suitable hydrogen and oxygen analyzers could not be procured.

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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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated. No response to this letter is required.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/94-18
and 50-410/94-20 w/Attachment

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