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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. Gerald K. Rhode  
Senior Vice President  
System Project Management  
c/o Miss Catherine R. Seibert  
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Syracuse, New York 13202

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-220/83-03

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. L. Nimitz of this office on February 28 - March 4, 1983 at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Scriba, New York of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-63 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Nimitz with Mr. T. Perkins and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter; and, in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Our inspector also verified the steps you had taken to correct certain violations brought to your attention in letters dated March 2, 1981 and August 19, 1982. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct Appendix B violation numbers 3 and 10, enclosed with our March 2, 1981 letter, or the single violation described in Appendix A of our August 19, 1982 letter. With regard to Appendix B violation number 4, enclosed with our March 2, 1981 letter, this violation is recurrent. In your response to this letter, please give this matter your particular attention.

Regarding Appendix B violation number 5, enclosed with our March 2, 1981 letter, based on the information provided in your May 7, 1981 letter, this violation is withdrawn. Our records will be revised accordingly.

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Based on discussions at the exit meeting, it is our understanding that a Radiation Protection/Chemistry Technician Shift Training Program will be established and appropriate technicians will be trained prior to start-up after the present outage to ensure that those technicians acting in responsible positions are adequately trained and qualified in their procedural responsibilities. In addition, it is also our understanding that a mechanism will be established and implemented prior to start-up after the present outage to ensure Radiation Protection and Chemistry Technicians are cognizant of new procedures and changes to existing procedures. If this is not your understanding, please notify this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a) of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room, unless you notify this office by telephone within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within 30 days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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*Ronald R. Bellamy*  
for Thomas T. Martin, Director  
Division of Engineering and  
Technical Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-220/83-03

cc w/encl:

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