

January 13, 1995

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**SUBJECT: NRC COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/94-26 AND 50-410/94-29**

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter transmits the results of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. B. Norris and W. Mattingly from November 13 through December 17, 1994, 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 their findings with Messrs. L. Storz, C. Terry, M. McCormick, and other members of your staff, at the exit meeting conducted on December 23, 1994.

During this inspection period, we found your staff operated and conducted maintenance safely at both units. We noted several examples of conservative decision making and effective management support for the operations and maintenance departments, especially during the forced outage at Unit 2. Further, we noted you aggressively and promptly addressed a potential problem with an emergency diesel generator connecting rod.

We also noted that you identified an inadequate surveillance procedure concerning the Unit 2 safety relief valve acoustic monitors. The problem was identified because of a heightened awareness and questioning attitude fostered by your staff's recent emphasis on the preparation and review of technical procedures. However, the failure to properly perform channel functional tests for the Unit 2 safety relief valve acoustic monitors was a violation of the Technical Specifications. This violation, however, is not being cited because of the minor significance of the problem and the criteria specified in the Enforcement Policy, Section VII.B, were satisfied.

This letter also responds to your letter dated December 2, 1994, which detailed your corrective actions for the Notice of Violation issued November 3, 1994, with NRC Inspection Report 50-220/94-16 and 50-410/94-18. As discussed in this inspection report, we have reviewed those corrective actions and found them satisfactory. The violation was closed and no further action is required.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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