

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I

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License No. CPPR - 112 Priority _____ Category: _____

Licensee: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
300 Erie Boulevard, West
Syracuse, New York 13202

Facility Name: Nine Mile Point Unit 2

Meeting At: NRC, Region I Office, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Meeting Conducted: August 30, 1983

NRC Personnel: Robert M. Gallo FOR
J. Grant, Reactor Engineer

9/26/83
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Approved by: Robert M. Gallo
R. Gallo, Chief, Reactor Projects Section 2A

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Meeting Summary:

An enforcement conference was held to discuss Niagara Mohawk's implementation of efforts to improve the performance of the piping contractor, ITT Grinnell, and to discuss the results of the NRC investigation of the contractor. The meeting accounted for 22 manhours of work by NRC Region I personnel.

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DETAILS

1. Meeting Attendees

Licensee Representatives

D. P. Dise, Vice President, Quality Assurance
J. W. Keib, Attorney
C. V. Mangan, Vice President, Nuclear Engineering & Licensing
S. F. Manno, Vice President, Nuclear Construction
D. R. Palmer, Manager, Quality Assurance Nuclear
G. K. Rhode, Senior Vice President

NRC

J. A. Allan, Deputy Regional Administrator
S. D. Ebnetter, Chief, Engineering Programs Branch, DETP
R. M. Gallo, Chief, Reactor Projects Section 2A, DPRP
R. A. Gramm, Resident Inspector, NMP-2
J. M. Grant, Reactor Engineer, DPPP
E. H. Gray, Lead Reactor Engineer, DETP
D. J. Holody, Enforcement Coordinator
H. B. Kister, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch 2, DPRP
T. T. Martin, Director, Division of Engineering and Technical Programs
L. M. Narrow, Lead Reactor Engineer, DETP
R. W. Starostecki, Director, Division of Project and Resident Programs

2. Meeting Purpose and Topics of Discussion

The Enforcement Conference was held at NRC Region I request to discuss the licensee's implementation of efforts to improve the performance of the piping contractor, ITT Grinnell, and also to discuss the results of an NRC investigation of the contractor documented in NRC Investigation No. 50-410/1-83-005. The investigation was conducted to review allegations that a Quality Assurance (QA) auditor, employed by ITT Grinnell, was relieved of his auditing function as a result of his adverse inspection findings and that ITT Grinnell Quality Control (QC) and craft personnel were threatened with dismissal if they went to the NRC with a problem. The investigation summary was forwarded to the licensee by letter dated August 22, 1983. Previous NRC meetings relative to the performance of ITT Grinnell are documented in meeting reports 50-410/82-06 and 50-410/82-08.

The licensee discussed the results of its own investigation of ITT Grinnell, concluding that there was no intimidation nor discrimination of auditors and inspectors, and disagreements that did exist were typical construction problems. Niagara Mohawk pointed out that since identification of problems with the piping contractor by the NRC, it has taken corrective steps to improve management involvement, personnel qualification, communications, and attitude. Changes in the Grinnell QA organizational structure and personnel have been made - in particular, a new position, Site QA Director, was created for increasing QA management involvement in site activities. Job descriptions now exist for all QA positions. Niagara Mohawk now directly monitors Grinnell activities, such

as personnel vacancies, salary scales, personnel turnover, as well as hardware reject rates. Niagara Mohawk has also conducted informal audits and interviews with the ITT Grinnell auditors and inspectors, and as a result concluded that no inspectors are being intimidated. However, the Region I personnel indicated that concerns remained regarding the licensee's control of construction activities performed by ITT Grinnell.

3. Results

The NRC stated that through further inspections it will pursue the question on effectiveness of Niagara Mohawk's QA program and its control over ITT Grinnell activities. The NRC noted that enforcement action as a result of the NRC investigation is under review and emphasized that Niagara Mohawk should remain highly sensitized to ITT Grinnell activities.

Pending NRC inspections and review of Niagara Mohawk's own investigative report, the NRC will schedule another meeting in approximately three to four months to further review corrective actions taken with regard to ITT Grinnell.