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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION RESUMPTION OF OPERATION OF NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION

A copy of a letter dated June 19, 1970, by the Division of Reactor Licensing to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation authorizing them to resume operation of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station is enclosed for your information.

Niagara Mohawk plans to do non-destructive testing of all safe ends within the first twelve months of operation. In addition, as conditions of resumption and future operation of the facility, Niagara Mohawk has been requested to (1) install a leak-detection system in addition to the proposed sump accumulation rate and dew point systems, (2) provide assurance that the biological shield surrounding the reactor vessel can withstand the loss of integrity of a safe end or nozzle or that failure of the shield would have tolerable consequences, and (3) develop a long-term program for surveillance of the sensitized material.

Niagara Mohawk has indicated that startup preparations are in progress. Due to the extended outage, substantial testing will be performed. They estimate that nuclear heatup will be attained by July 2 and commercial power operation by July 13.

(Signed) HLP

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