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DR. R. W. STAEHLE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION AND DRESDEN 2 SAFE ENDS

We just received our consultant's report on his recommendations for a proper course of action for regulatory to follow on repairs to the Dresden 2 and Nine Mile Point safe ends. A copy of this report is enclosed for your information.

Dr. Staehle's recommendations are considered to be important in that he takes a clear and strong position on the necessity for replacing or cladding of the sensitized stainless steel safe ends at NMP and Dresden 2. This position is consistent with the recommendation on NMP and Dresden 2 contained in our note dated May 18, 1970.

We have scheduled further discussions with Dr. Staehle to review specific aspects of his recommendations, and their broader implications, prior to the special ACRS subcommittee meeting on May 22, 1970.

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