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Docket No. 50-333

New York Power Authority  
James A. FitzPatrick Power Plant  
ATTN: Mr. Radford Converse  
Resident Manager  
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Lycoming, New York 13093

Dear Mr. Converse:

Subject: Transcript of NRC Public Meeting at Oswego, New York  
Dated September 16, 1991

This letter forwards the subject transcript for your review. The transcript documents concerns expressed by the public during our September 16, 1991 Public Meeting held following the Nine Mile Point Site Area Emergency event of August 13, 1991. A number of concerns regarding off site emergency planning were raised by the public during that meeting. Since your facility shares the same EPZ as Nine Mile Point, we determined you should be made aware of these concerns. We have provided this information to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation by separate correspondence.

The majority of the concerns were related to the following two themes:

1. The public was not notified of the site area emergency on August 13, 1991, by siren as was their expectation. As a related issue, the public's perception was that the sirens were never sounded, even by testing. [NRC review concluded that the licensee's actions in this regard met the emergency plan.]
2. The evacuation plan for Oswego County, especially for the students at the State University of New York (SUNY), Oswego, is inadequate, i.e., not enough buses; lack of faith in bus drivers going into accident area to pick up evacuees; and a lack of knowledge regarding evacuation requirements or expectations on the part of students at SUNY-Oswego. [NRC review concluded that emergency plan requirements and commitments had been adequately implemented, based on NRC and FEMA evaluation.]

Regarding these off site emergency planning issues, the NRC will be forwarding the transcript from the public meeting to FEMA Headquarters for their review. I am notifying you of the concerns, so that your own emergency preparedness organization is aware of the issues and can interface with the appropriate State and County groups to better understand the public's concerns and take actions as may be necessary. By copy of this letter, I am also notifying the State of New York and Oswego County emergency planning organizations of the public concerns.

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If you have any comments or questions on this matter, please contact C. Cowgill of my staff at (215) 337-3233.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM P. MAJE



Thomas T. Martin  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Transcript - NRC Public Meeting, dated September 16, 1991

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