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**SUBJECT: NRC COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/95-15 AND 50-410/95-16**

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter transmits the results of the resident safety inspection conducted by Mr. B. Norris, and others, from June 4 through July 22, 1995, at Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. The inspectors based their findings on observations of activities in progress, interviews with personnel, and selective examinations of procedures and representative records. At the conclusion of the period, the resident inspectors discussed their findings with Mr. Richard Abbott, Vice President - Nuclear Generation, and other members of your staff, at the exit meeting conducted on August 21, 1995.

During this inspection period, Niagara Mohawk operated both units safely. The repairs made to the Unit 1 main steam line break temperature switches for the containment isolation system were well controlled, with excellent oversight by the health physics staff and maintenance supervision. This was a high radiation and high temperature area, and minimal dosage was accumulated. A review of engineering work during the period identified good control of the safety evaluation process. We also recognize the significant effort to correct long standing problems with the fire detection systems at both unit.

However, we noted continuing problems with personnel errors. Unit 2 experienced an automatic generator runback and a manual reactor scram, as a result of inadequate review and coordination of a design change associated with the generator stator cooling water system. In addition, Unit 1 failed to perform some surveillances at the required frequency, and Unit 2 placed service water in operation without a calibrated radioactivity monitor. Although the trend for personnel errors appears to be improving in both number and significance, the NRC is concerned that the errors persist. We will continue to monitor this area closely.

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