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SUBJECT: NRC COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/95-18 AND 50-410/95-18

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter transmits the results of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. B. Norris, R. Skokowski, and others, from July 23 through September 2, 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 you, and other members of your staff, at the exit meeting conducted on September 22, 1995.

During this inspection period, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation operated both units safely. The response of the Unit 2 operators to the high main turbine vibration during a planned shutdown, which included manually scrambling the reactor, was appropriate. The control room supervisors exhibited good command and control. We also noted that the improving trend for the maintenance backlog continues. We verified that the backlog is worked, based on priorities, to ensure safety equipment performance and reliability.

Based on discussions with your staff concerning NRC Inspection Report 50-220/95-16 and 50-410/95-16, we determined a clarification of a statement in the third paragraph of the cover letter was needed. We do recognize that the Unit 1 missed instrument surveillance tests occurred several years ago, and that identification of this issue by your staff was good. This issue is not related to our statement concerning the continuing problems with personnel errors.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, and its enclosure, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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