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Mr. George H. Brower, Director
Oswego County Emergency Management Office
Oswego County Branch Building
200 N. 2nd Street
Fulton, New York 13069

Dear Mr. Brower:

On September 16, 1991, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a public hearing at the State University of New York at Oswego to present preliminary findings of a special NRC inspection performed at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's Nine Mile Point Unit 2. That inspection assessed Niagara Mohawk's response to the August 13, 1991 events involving loss of uninterruptable power supplies and declaration of a Site Area Emergency. The inspection was a determinant in the NRC's assessment of facility readiness for restart.

During the hearing, the NRC received comments about the status of off-site emergency planning. These comments were forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for consideration (Enclosure 1). FEMA grouped the comments into five general areas: (1) activation of the alert and notification system in Oswego County and frequency of siren testing; (2) adequacy of transportation resources throughout Oswego County; (3) adequacy of training of bus drivers who are responsible for transporting residents during an evacuation; (4) adequacy of the reception center to accommodate evacuees; and (5) the process by which parents can locate, at reception centers, those children evacuated directly from schools. The March 9, 1992 FEMA letter to the NRC (Enclosure 2) summarizing its evaluation of these off-site areas and a copy of the hearing transcript (Enclosure 3) are enclosed. Please note that FEMA states in its March 9 letter that it has found no off-site emergency planning deficiencies related to Oswego County's emergency response activities surrounding the Nine Mile Point and James A. FitzPatrick plants.

We are transmitting copies of all three enclosures to the local NRC Public Document Room for the Nine Mile Point and FitzPatrick plants. Copies of this letter with Enclosures 1 and 2 also are being forwarded to other interested persons. Related questions and requests should be directed to Mr. E. C. McCabe at this office at 215-337-5208.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

James H. Joyner, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Martin to Kempf letter dated November 15, 1991
2. Kempf to Martin letter dated March 9, 1992
3. Public Hearing Transcript dated September 16, 1991

Identical letter sent to:

The Editor, Palladium Times

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Mr. George H. Young, President, Oswego County Farm Bureau

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November 15, 1991

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region II
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New York, New York 10278

Dear Mr. Kempf:

The NRC conducted a public meeting on September 16, 1991, to provide the preliminary findings of a special NRC inspection team to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation regarding Nine Mile Point Unit 2 readiness for restart and to solicit comments and concerns from the public regarding restart of Unit 2.

A copy of the official transcript from the public meeting is enclosed for your consideration since many of the public's concerns pertain to off-site emergency planning for the Nine Mile Point and FitzPatrick nuclear plants. Although many individual comments were received from the public, there appeared to be two major themes regarding offsite public notification and Oswego County evacuation planning as follows:

1. The public was not notified of the site area emergency at Nine Mile Point Unit 2 on August 13, 1991, by siren as is their expectation. As a related issue, the public's perception is that the sirens are never sounded, even by testing. [NRC review concluded that the licensee's actions in this regard meet 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.]

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I have also provided this information, under separate correspondence, to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the Emergency Preparedness organizations for both the State of New York and the County of Oswego. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (215) 337-5299.

Sincerely,



Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
As stated