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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR POWER STATION - OPERATIONAL SAFEGUARDS  
RESPONSE EVALUATION (TAC NOs. M93722 and M93723)

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter conveys the results and conclusions of the Operational Safeguards Response Evaluation (OSRE) conducted by the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station from October 23 through 26, 1995.

One purpose of the OSRE program is to evaluate a licensee's ability to respond in a contingency to an external threat by focusing on the interactions between operations and security in establishing priorities for protection of equipment and on the defensive strategies used. The OSRE also includes a safety/safeguards interface review to assure that safeguards measures do not adversely affect safe operation of the facility.

The OSRE conclusions are documented in the enclosed report (Part I, Operational Safeguards Readiness Review; and Part II, Safety/Safeguards Interface Review). This enclosure, which contains safeguards information of a type specified in 10 CFR 73.21, will not be placed in the Public Document Room, and must be protected against unauthorized disclosure.

The drills, exercises, and demonstrations observed by the team and the results of interviews conducted by the team indicated that, overall, the security force demonstrated an effective contingency response capability. The team also noted the high quality and extent of operations involvement in the planning and exercising of the contingency response capability. The team also concluded that effective provisions were in place to assure that safeguards measures did not adversely affect the safe operation of the facility.

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The enclosed report does not convey any new regulatory requirement. Its findings have been considered with respect to your ability to meet the general performance objective and requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(a).

This letter affects one respondent and, therefore, is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget review under Public Law 96-511.

No response to this letter is required. If you have questions concerning this evaluation, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Operational Safeguards Response  
Evaluation  
(Part I, Operational Safeguards  
Readiness Review;  
Part II, Safety/Safeguards  
Interface Review)

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