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Docket No. 50-410

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. William G. Hooten
Executive Director-Nuclear Operations
c/o Miss Catherine Seibert
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-410/84-15

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. R.A. Gramm of this office on September 10 to November 2, 1984 at Nine Mile Point, Unit 2, Scriba, New York of activities authorized by NRC License No. CPPR-112 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Gramm with Mr. C. Beckham and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were observed.

Inspection Report 50-410/84-11 issued two Notices of Violation regarding deficient engineering design change control. We have received your letter dated October 9, 1984 which outlined corrective and preventive actions in response to the noted violations. Your letter stated that the corrective actions in response to the Notices of Violation were implemented to address the failure of the constructor to follow engineering instructions. We find that these corrective actions are not adequate, as they place the burden upon craftsmen to identify inadequate engineering direction. In the case of the three examples of inadequate engineering direction previously identified, it appears that, prior to issuance, the impact of the design changes were not assessed in relationship to existing specifications, and that ambiguous directions were provided to the constructors. An integral part of the design review process must be to assure that complete and consistent design direction is promulgated to the installer. Therefore, we find it necessary to request further documented actions to address the root cause of inadequate engineering review for the violations noted within Inspection Report 50-410/84-11.

Except as noted above, no reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Enclosure: Region I NRC Inspection Report Number 50-410/84-15

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