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June 13, 1996

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/95-24 AND 50-410/95-24 (REPLY)

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter, dated April 29, 1996, which supplements your previous response letter, dated February 22, 1996, to a Notice of Violation that was transmitted to you on January 23, 1996. The Notice of Violation identified two violations. One violation pertained to an emergency preparedness issue, while the second pertained to Agastat relay deficiencies. Your February 22, 1996, response to the violation pertaining to the emergency preparedness issue was considered acceptable to us as indicated in our April 10, 1996, letter.

We reviewed your February 22, 1996, response and your April 29, 1996, supplement response to the violation pertaining to the Agastat relay deficiencies in accordance with the NRC Inspection Manual Procedure 92903, "Followup-Engineering." In your April 29, 1996, supplement response, you identified that the 68 normally-energized Agastat relays were not replaced due to a lack of thorough review of the Wyle report. The corrective actions for this cause was not addressed in your response. Based on the telephone conversation between Messrs. T. McMahon and G. Eldridge of Niagara Mohawk and Messrs. W. Ruland and L. Cheung of the NRC on May 29 and June 5, 1996, we understand that your corrective actions for this cause was covered in your Task 2.14 for the resolution of DER 1-95-0275. These corrective actions included the reviews of Wyle Laboratories' reports that pertained to potentially-energized electrical devices, such as relays, solenoid valves, motors, switchgear, etc., paying particular attention to ensure that correct activation energies were used in the aging calculations. In addition, Niagara Mohawk had compiled in the past years, a database for the activation energies of commonly used organic materials to verify the correct use of activation energies in aging calculations. Your staff also stated that the environmental qualification (EQ) engineers at Nine Mile Point now were much more knowledgeable in the aging-related issues than the EQ engineers 10 years ago. Therefore, your staff believes that these combined actions would prevent recurrence of incorrect activation energies being used in aging calculations.

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We consider the actions you have taken to be acceptable and will review the effectiveness of these actions in a future inspection.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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