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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63

Subject: Supplement to Special Report Dated November 2, 2000

Gentlemen:

In Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (NMPC) Special Report dated November 2, 2000, NMPC indicated that #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System Check Valve 201.2-67 failed reverse flow testing with the cause unknown at the time of the special report. A supplement to the special report was issued on December 13, 2000, which informed you of the cause and an additional corrective action. The purpose of this supplement is to revise the cause and corrective action.

A supplement to the special report dated December 13, 2000, documented the cause of the check valve failure to be debris attaching to the O-rings of the check valve. Based on the cause, the major components in both Containment Hydrogen Systems (#11 and #12) were to be disassembled, cleaned, and flushed.

Initial investigation into the cause of the failure found a small amount of debris in the valve. This led to the apparent cause conclusion that the debris was the initiator of the failed reverse flow test. Prior to disassembly, the valve was found to pass its leak test. Further extensive testing and evaluations were performed which included evaluation of test methods on similar systems. Based on this, it was determined and shown that the cause was an improper test methodology. This has since been corrected through revision of the procedure.

Very truly yours,

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