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Mr. R. W. Starostecki, Director  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
Division of Project and Resident Programs  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

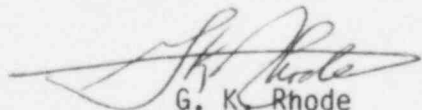
Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-410

Dear Mr. Starostecki:

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation submitted a response to NRC Inspection Report No. 50-410/83-02 via letter dated April 26, 1983. As stated in your follow up letter dated May 19, 1983, it was your understanding that since the heat input that was used to reduce the ovality is not known, Niagara Mohawk is replacing the affected pipe.

A visual examination of the pipe reveals characteristic temper colors which indicate that the metal temperature did not exceed 540°F when compared to a temper color chart developed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Heating to temperatures in this range is acceptable, since such heating would not affect mechanical or metallurgical properties of the material. Also, this temperature is in the normal range of minimum preheat/maximum interpass temperatures for welding this material. Therefore, there is no need to replace the pipe in question.

Very truly yours,



G. K. Rhode  
Senior Vice President

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