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MEMORANDUM FOR: File Center

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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2 --
ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION, ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED
IN AN UPCOMING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
REGARDING CORE SHROUD REINSPECTION
TAC MA7284)

REFERENCE: Letter, J. T. Conway to NRC, December 2, 1999

The following questions were transmitted by email today to Mr. Steve Leonard of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to prepare him and others for an upcoming telephone conference. This memorandum only records the electronic transmission and does not convey a formal request for information or represent an NRC staff position.

- (1) You indicated that you had performed a plant-specific analysis for horizontal weld H7. You stated that, based on the results of the analysis, inspection of weld H7 during the upcoming outage (RFO7) is not required. Please provide a detailed description of the analysis for the methodology used. In addition, provide the justification for the methodology used in your analysis which deviates from the guidelines provided in BWRVIP-07 and discuss its conservatism.
- (2) You stated that inspection of vertical welds V24 and V25 is not required during RFO7 because the cracking in the intersecting horizontal welds H7 and H8 satisfies the criteria provided in 3.1.1.b and 3.1.1.a of BWRVIP-63, respectively. Provide details regarding how the cracking in weld H7 meets the criteria stated in 3.1.1.b.
- (3) Provide the reinspection schedule for the welds which will not be inspected during RFO7 and discuss consistency with the guidance provided in BWRVIP-07 and BWRVIP-63.

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