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RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
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 Nine Mile Point Unit 2
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Subject: *Response to Generic Letter 98-01 Supplement 1, "Year 2000 Readiness of Computer Systems at Nuclear Power Plants"*

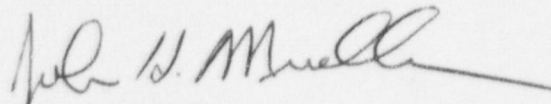
Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the NRC's request for information regarding Year 2000 (Y2K) readiness at nuclear facilities, as contained in Generic Letter (GL) 98-01. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) has previously responded to required response item (1) of GL 98-01 by letter dated August 10, 1998. Required Response item (2) of GL 98-01 requested the status of facility Y2K readiness by July 1, 1999. On January 14, 1999, the NRC issued Supplement 1 to GL 98-01 to provide addressees with a voluntary alternative response in lieu of required response item (2) of the original generic letter. Supplement 1 stated:

"In responding to this supplement to GL 98-01, the addressee should confirm Y2K readiness of the facility with regard to those systems within the scope of the license and NRC regulations, and those systems required for continued operation of the facility after January 1, 2000. For those systems which are not Y2K ready as of July 1, 1999, the addressee should provide a status and completion schedule for achieving readiness by the year 2000."

In response, NMPC is voluntarily reporting facility readiness as outlined in GL 98-01 Supplement 1. Enclosed is the Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2, reporting the status of facility Y2K readiness. This disclosure is submitted under the guidelines of the "Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act" (Public Law 105-271).

Very truly yours,



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YEAR 2000 READINESS DISCLOSURE

This Year 2000 (Y2K) readiness disclosure is made for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2 (NMP1 and NMP2) under the "Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act" (Public Law 105-271). This disclosure addresses Y2K readiness with regard to those systems within the scope of the NMP1 and NMP2 licenses and NRC regulations, and those systems required for continued operation of both facilities after January 1, 2000. A facility that is "Y2K Ready" has followed a prescribed program to identify and resolve Y2K issues so that the facility can operate reliably while meeting commitments.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) has conducted a year 2000 readiness program for NMP1 and NMP2 similar to that outlined in *Nuclear Utility Year 2000 Readiness*, NEI/NUSMG 97-07. The program applies to software, hardware and firmware whose failure due to a Y2K problem would prevent the performance of the safety function of a structure, system, or component. Additionally, the program applies to any software, hardware, or firmware whose failure due to a Y2K problem would prevent continued operation of the facility well beyond December 31, 1999. The facility program includes identifying and, where appropriate, remediating embedded systems. The program also provides for risk management efforts, development of contingency plans for key rollover dates, and verification of continuity of services provided by NMPC's business partners.

The Y2K readiness program has been completed for those systems within the scope of the NMP1 and NMP2 licenses and NRC regulations, and those systems required for continued operation of NMP1 and NMP2 after January 1, 2000. To my (John H. Mueller's) knowledge and belief, NMP1 and NMP2 are facility "Y2K Ready."

Contingency plans have been developed to mitigate the impact of Y2K-induced events at key rollover dates. Just-in-time training and specific staffing assignments for implementing the contingency plans will be completed prior to key rollover dates. Additionally, we will continue to work closely with our business partners to maintain continuity of service.