



April 13, 2000  
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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: Special Report***

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Technical Specification Table 3.6.11-1, "Accident Monitoring Instrumentation," Action Statement 4.a., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is submitting the following Special Report concerning the inoperability of the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System.

**Description of Event**

On April 1, 2000, at 0417 hours, with the reactor mode switch in the "RUN" position during normal operations, control room operators declared the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System inoperable for planned maintenance on the post accident sampling system. The markup associated with the maintenance removed the common sample line from service, which rendered the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System inoperable.

The maintenance on the post accident sampling system gas tray sample bottle position switch was completed and the control room operators declared the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System operable on April 1, 2000, at 1753 hours.

The #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was in service during the time that the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was inoperable.

**Cause of Event**

The cause of the inoperable containment hydrogen monitoring system was a failed post accident sampling system switch. The maintenance activities to repair the switch required a markup on the common sample line rendering the containment hydrogen monitoring system inoperable.

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**Corrective Actions**

Work Order 00-00023-00, which repaired the switch in the post accident sampling system was completed and the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was returned to an operable status.

Very truly yours,

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