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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 Action Statement 4.a of Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Technical Specification Table 3.6.11-2, "Accident Monitoring Instrumentation Action Statements," Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is submitting the following Special Report concerning the inoperability of Channel #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System.

Description of Event

On October 19, 2000, Check Valve 201.2-67 failed reverse flow testing. The check valve was declared inoperable and Manual Blocking Valve 201.2-621 was closed. With the manual blocking valve in the supply line closed, Channel #12 was declared inoperable and Action Statement 4.a of Technical Specification Table 3.6.11-2 was entered.

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

Cause of Event

Channel #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was declared inoperable when the manual blocking valve was closed due to the check valve failing reverse flow testing. The reason why the check valve failed the reverse flow test is unknown at this time and will be provided in a supplement to this special report.

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Corrective Actions

1. The check valve was refurbished and tested satisfactorily.
2. The #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was declared operable on November 2, 2000.
3. An evaluation to determine the cause of the check valve failure during reverse flow testing is in progress. The cause and additional corrective actions, if appropriate, will be provided in a supplement to this special report by December 15, 2000.

Very truly yours,



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