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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 #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System.

Description of Event

On February 15, 2001, operators declared the Channel #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System inoperable after the indication failed downscale. Troubleshooting identified that the hydrogen cell had failed. On February 23, 2001, Channel #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was returned to service after replacing the hydrogen cell.

Cause of Event

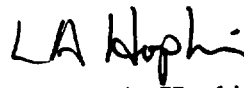
The cause of the Channel #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System inoperability was the failure of the hydrogen cell. The cause of the hydrogen cell failure will be provided in a supplement that will be submitted by March 30, 2001.

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Corrective Actions

1. The hydrogen cell was replaced and the Channel #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was returned to service on February 23, 2001.
2. Additional corrective actions, as appropriate, will be included in a supplement to be submitted by March 30, 2001.

Very truly yours,



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