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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, Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation
Monitor Inoperable*

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Action Statement 3.a of Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Technical Specification Table 3.6.11-2, "Accident Monitoring Instrumentation Action Statements," Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC is submitting the following Special Report concerning the inoperability of Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor.

Description of Event

On February 10, 2002, at approximately 0740 hours, operators declared the Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor inoperable when indication failed downscale. Troubleshooting of the high voltage and signal cables did not identify any open circuits. A nick that exposed the coaxial shield of the signal cable was identified. This is the most probable cause of the failure.

The signal cable was repaired and high voltage and signal connectors on the detector and cables were cleaned. Troubleshooting of the radiation monitor in the Control Room and a complete calibration of the system revealed no failures. Detector operation was observed on February 19, 2002, with no abnormalities identified. On February 20, 2002, the Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor was declared operable.

The redundant Channel #12 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor was in service while the Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor was out of service.

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Cause of Event

The most probable cause of the Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor downscale reading was a nick that exposed the coaxial shield of the signal cable.

Corrective Actions

1. The nick that exposed the coaxial shield of the Channel #11 Containment High Range Radiation Monitor signal cable was repaired.
2. The high voltage and signal connectors on the detector and cable were cleaned.

Very truly yours,



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