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SUBJECT: Discusses final issues re AMSAC C-20 permissive setpoint. LER 97-018, dtd 971121, indicates C-20 permissive setpoint in both units was reset to equivalent of 40% RTP & that design documents were revised as appropriate.

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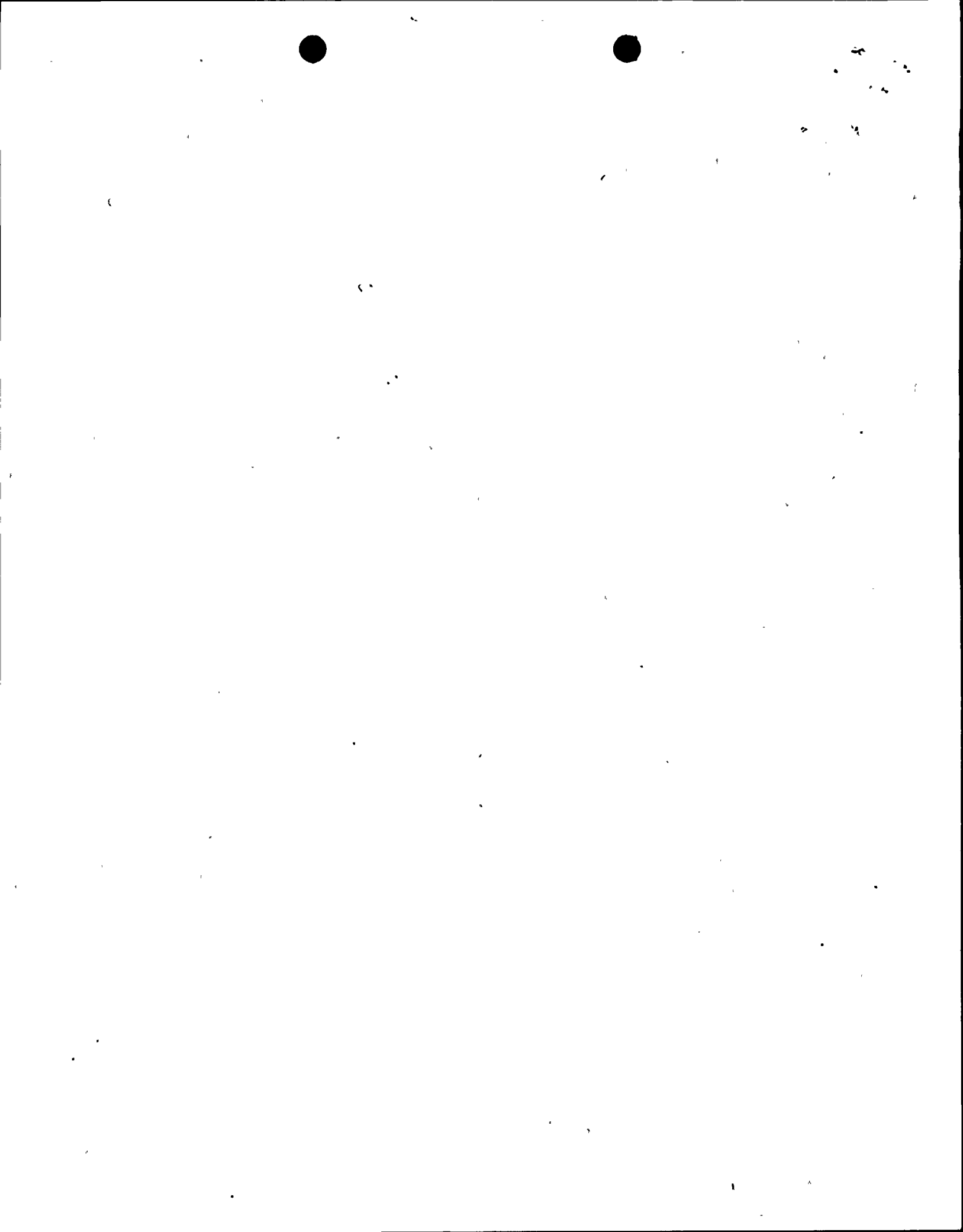
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Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2  
AMSAC C-20 Permissive Setpoint

Reference 1: PG&E Letter DCL-97-123, "AMSAC C-20 Interlock Discrepancy," dated July 15, 1997

Reference 2: Licensee Event Report 1-97-018, "AMSAC System Outside Design Basis Due to Incorrect C-20 Permissive Setpoint," dated November 21, 1997

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Reference 1 identifies a discrepancy between the NRC safety evaluation report (SER) for AMSAC and documents previously submitted by PG&E. Specifically, the SER indicates the C-20 permissive is set at 40 percent reactor thermal power (RTP). The PG&E documents indicate the permissive is set at 40 percent turbine power which corresponds to approximately 46 percent RTP.

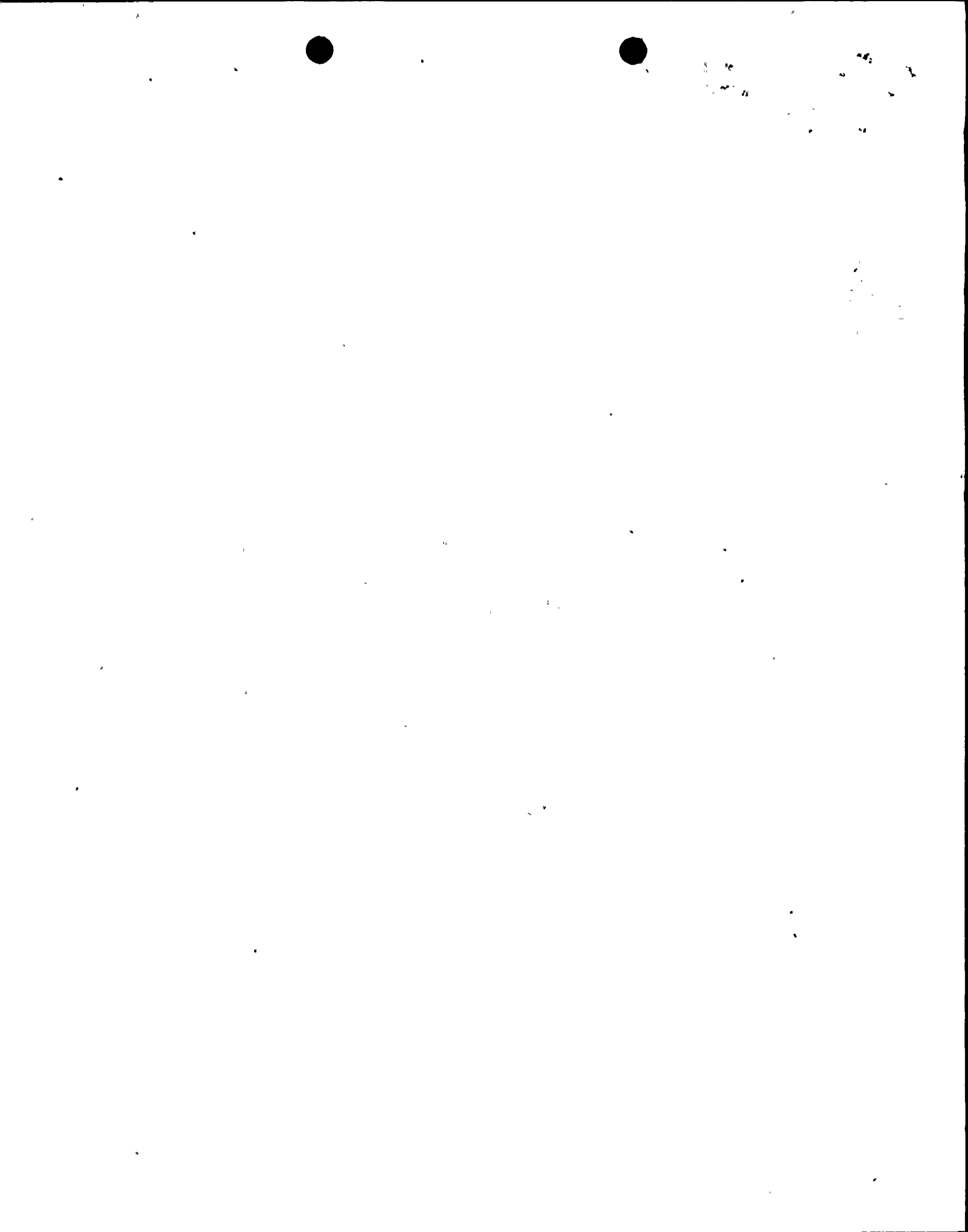
On October 9, 1997, Mr. Steven Bloom, NRC Project Manager for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, requested confirmation that the total amount of voiding at the actual C-20 permissive setpoint was acceptable. After discussing the request with Westinghouse, PG&E determined that a specific calculation for the amount of voiding at the actual C-20 permissive setpoint did not exist. Based on this additional information, PG&E reported the condition to the NRC (Reference 2). The licensee event report indicates the C-20 permissive setpoint in both units was reset to the equivalent of 40 percent RTP and that design documents were revised as appropriate.

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Since the AMSAC C-20 permissive setpoint has been reconciled with the NRC SER, PG&E believes that no further review of this issue is required.

Sincerely,



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