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Gentlemen:

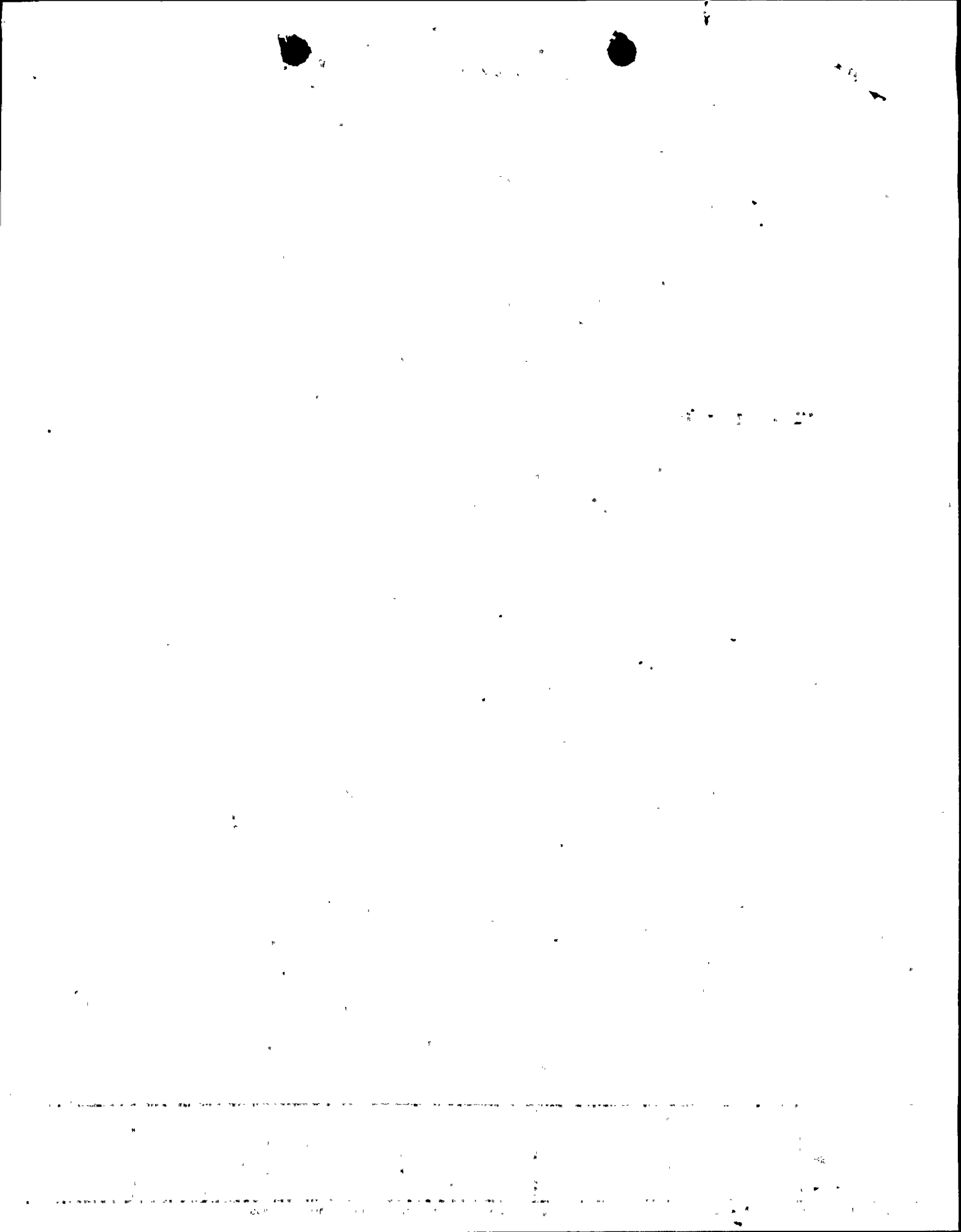
RE: Nine Mile Point

Your Technical Specifications include surveillance requirements and limiting conditions for operation for engineered safety feature atmosphere cleanup systems. One of the specifications requires a radioactive methyl iodide contamination test to be performed periodically on the activated charcoal in these systems. The purpose of these tests is to verify that the charcoal has not degraded unduly due to the effects of aging, weathering, and poisoning. We contacted you and requested that you review your specifications against sample specifications which we sent you and propose changes to your specifications if appropriate. This sample specification would, in accord with our current requirements, require these tests to be performed every 720 hours.

Limited information available to us indicates that an extension of this test interval beyond 720 hours may be justifiable. We would like to obtain additional data which will allow us to evaluate adsorber performance with time to determine if the testing frequency of 720 hours can be extended. Therefore, we would like to obtain the data from the tests you and other reactor operators have performed. The following information for each laboratory radio-iodine decontamination test is needed:

1. The date the sample of charcoal was obtained, and the method under which it was obtained (e.g., canister and grain thief).
2. The time interval the charcoal had been installed in the system, and the approximate number of hours the appropriate ESF system had been in operation with the tested charcoal.
3. The laboratory that performed the radioactive test.
4. The test agent (i.e., elemental iodine or methyl iodide).

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- 5. The test conditions (e.g., temperature, relative humidity, inlet concentration and duration of test). Test results should indicate whether RDT M16-1T procedures were followed.
- 6. The removal efficiency obtained, and the experimental error (if known).
- 7. Any unusual operating conditions or other information you may consider useful.

It would be helpful if you could provide this information by June 1, 1976. Thank you for your cooperation.

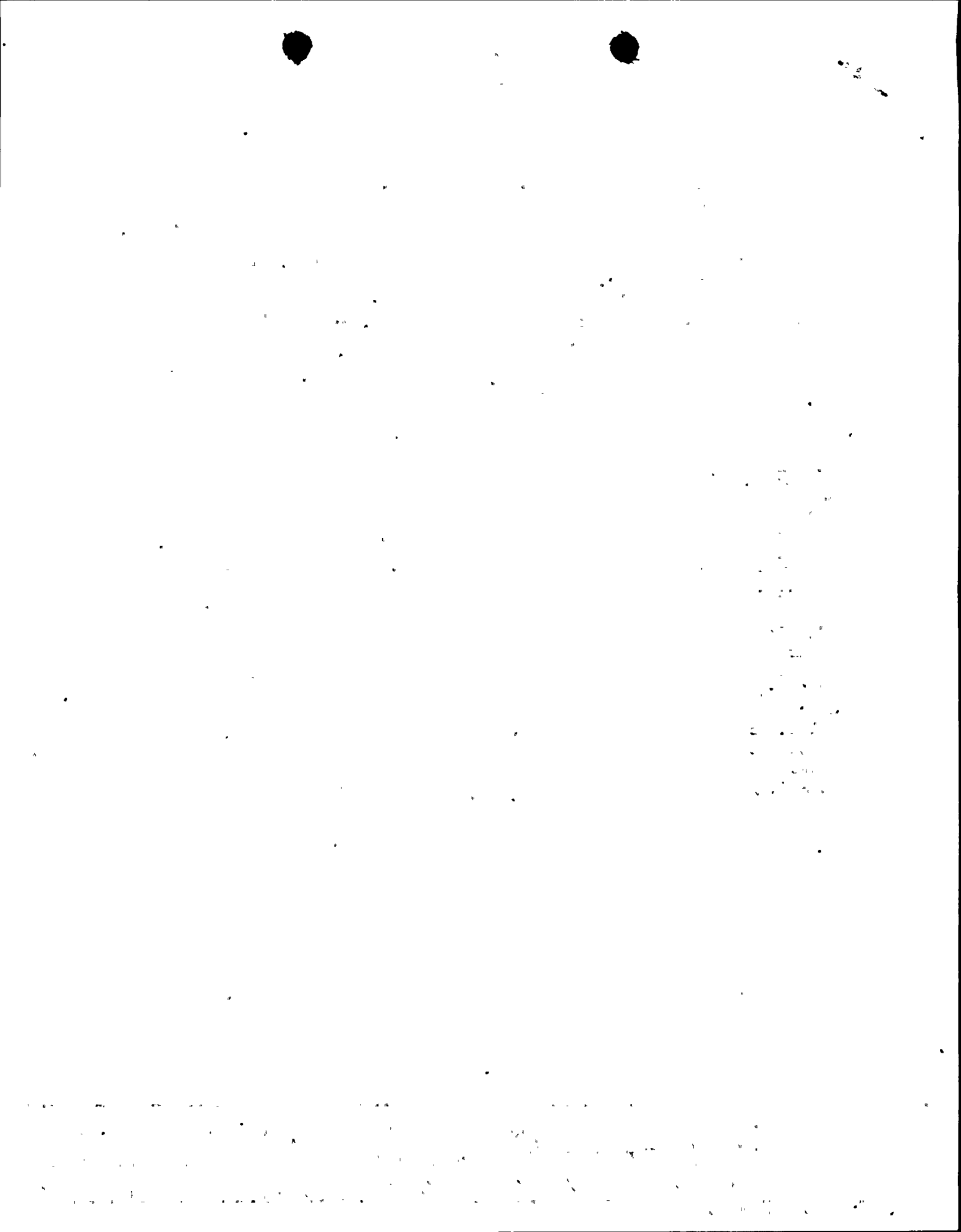
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