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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Rudolph R. Schneider
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Gentlemen:

Your letters dated November 28 and December 3, 1973, reported, as abnormal occurrences, the failures of eleven (11) and fifteen (15), respectively, control rods to insert to position 00 following a reactor scram. The control rods inserted to position 02 (six inches from full insertion) with the scram and were subsequently inserted to position 00 using normal control rod drive system pressure under manual control. You indicate in both reports that corrective action involving overhaul of the control rods will be done during the spring 1974 refueling outage.

Discussions regarding the occurrences have been held by telephone between T. J. Perkins of your staff and D. L. Ziemann and C. J. DeBevec of my staff. Additional clarifying information is necessary to describe the apparent cause of these occurrences as regards deterioration of the stop piston seals and the details of your review and analysis on which you concluded that the event does not significantly affect safety of operation at Nine Mile Point Unit 1. In our discussions, Mr. T. J. Perkins indicated a more complete report would be provided within ten days; this letter is to confirm that commitment.

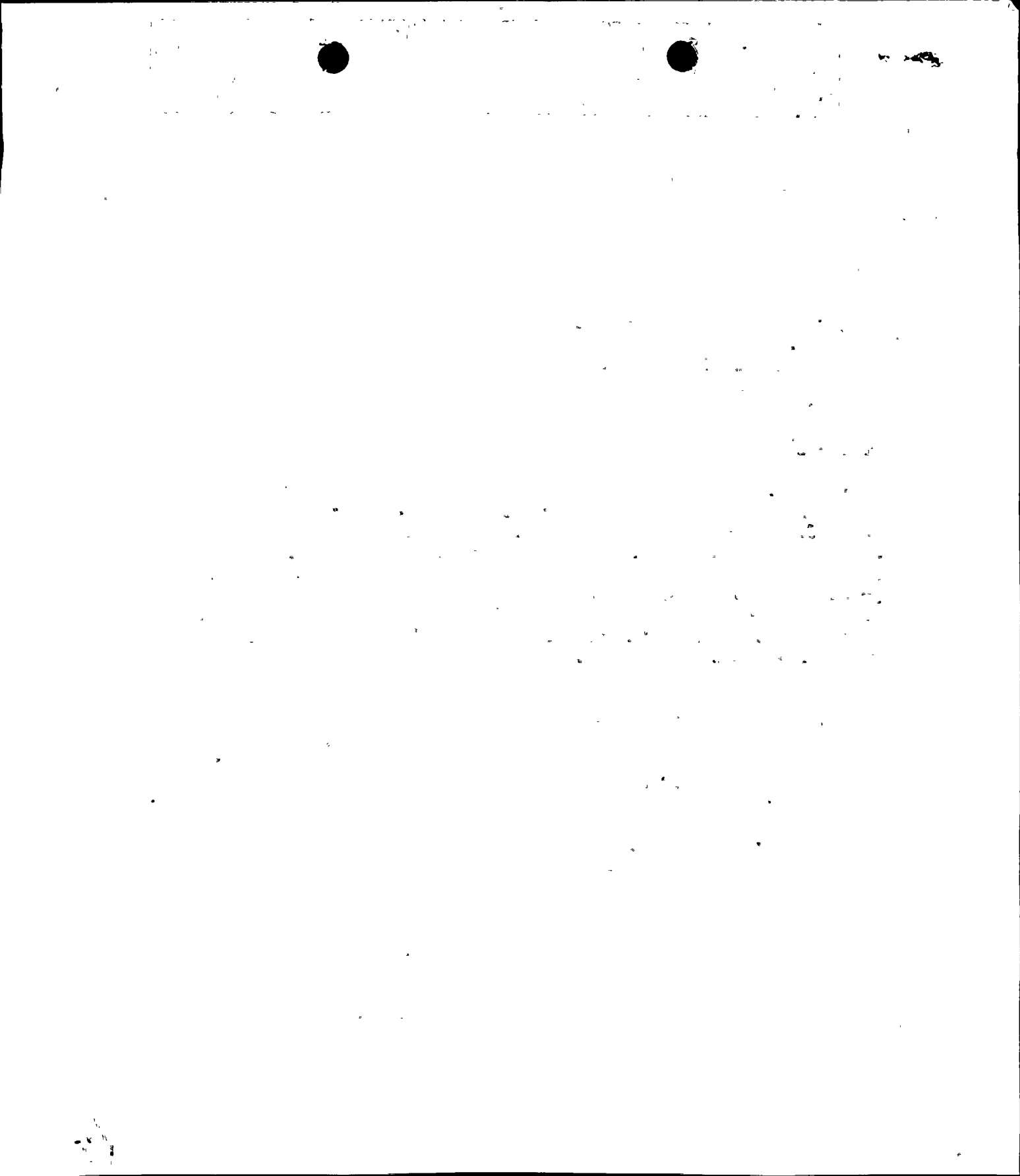
Sincerely,

Original Signed by
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