

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: July 16, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-100

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Facility: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Nine Mile Point, Unit 1 (DN 50-220)
Scriba, New York

Subject: UNSCHEDULED SHUTDOWN DUE TO MAIN TRANSFORMER PROBLEMS

On July 11, 1980 a normal reactor shutdown was conducted to investigate possible internal arcing in the main transformer. The arcing was indicated by the results of a routine transformer oil analysis. Troubleshooting has been in progress for four days and the source of the arcing has not yet been found. The licensee will conduct scram testing in accordance with Bulletin 80-17 during this outage.

A press release has been made by the licensee. Region I does not plan to issue a press release. The State of New York was notified on July 16, 1980.

NRC Region 1 received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Resident Inspector on July 11, 1980. A Region 1 Daily Report item was issued on July 14, 1980.

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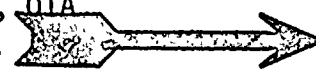
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