

September 18, 1986

Docket No. 50-410

Mr. C. V. Mangan, Senior Vice President
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Dear Mr. Mangan:

Subject: Response to August 21, 1986, Letter Concerning Comments
on Nine Mile Point Unit 2 SSER-3

In a letter dated August 21, 1986, you submitted comments to Supplement 3 to the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP-2) Safety Evaluation Report (SER). The staff has reviewed your comments and our response is enclosed. For some of these issues the staff has agreed to revise the SER for clarity. No response to these items is required.

For other items, however, the staff has rejected the comments. Niagara Mohawk should respond to these items to close them.

Drafts of some of the enclosures were provided to Mr. Don Hill of your staff to assist Niagara Mohawk in providing responses to open or unclear items. The enclosed responses may have been revised since that draft and it is therefore appropriate that you respond to the enclosures to this letter, not the drafts.

Sincerely,

/s/
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Enclosures:
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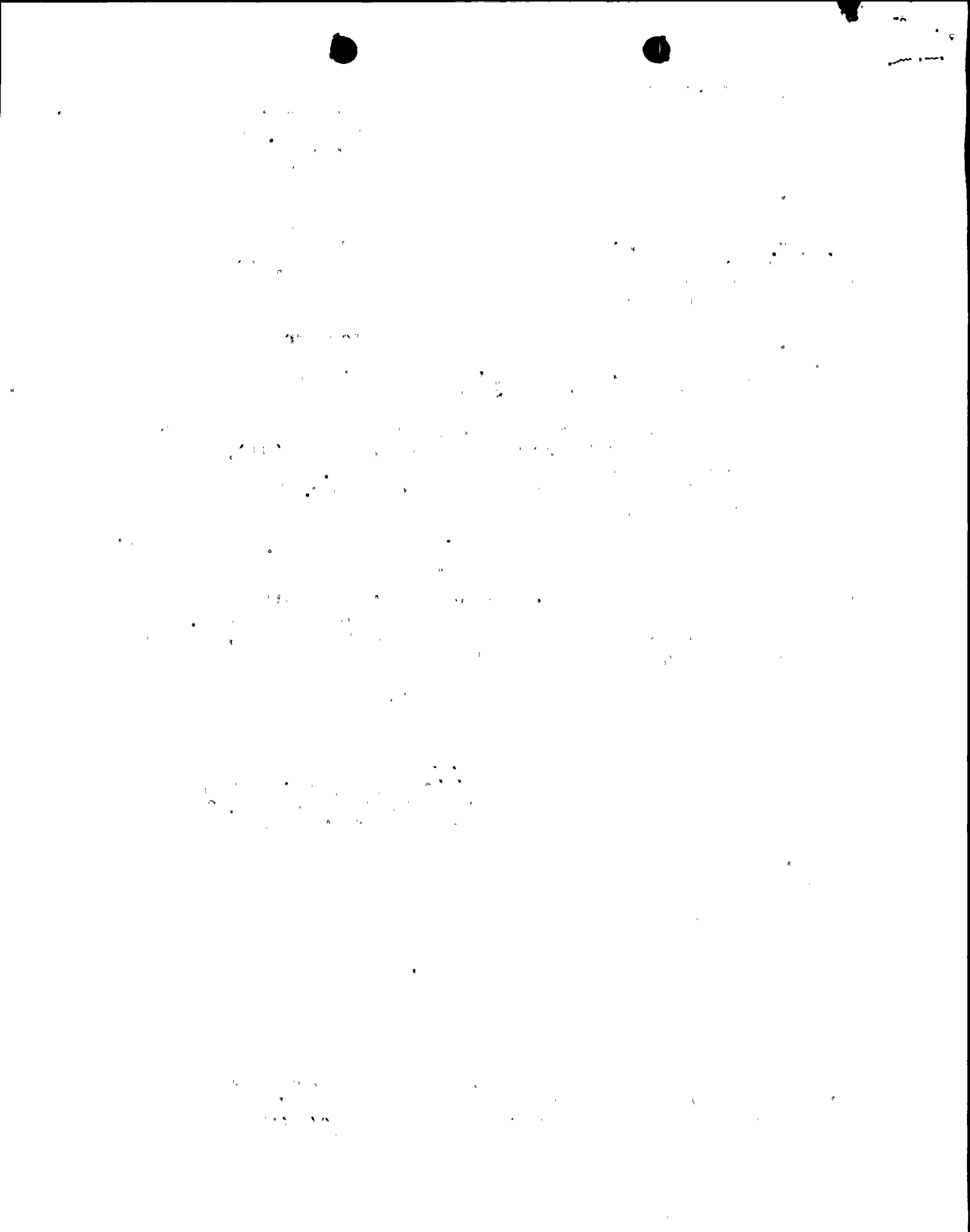
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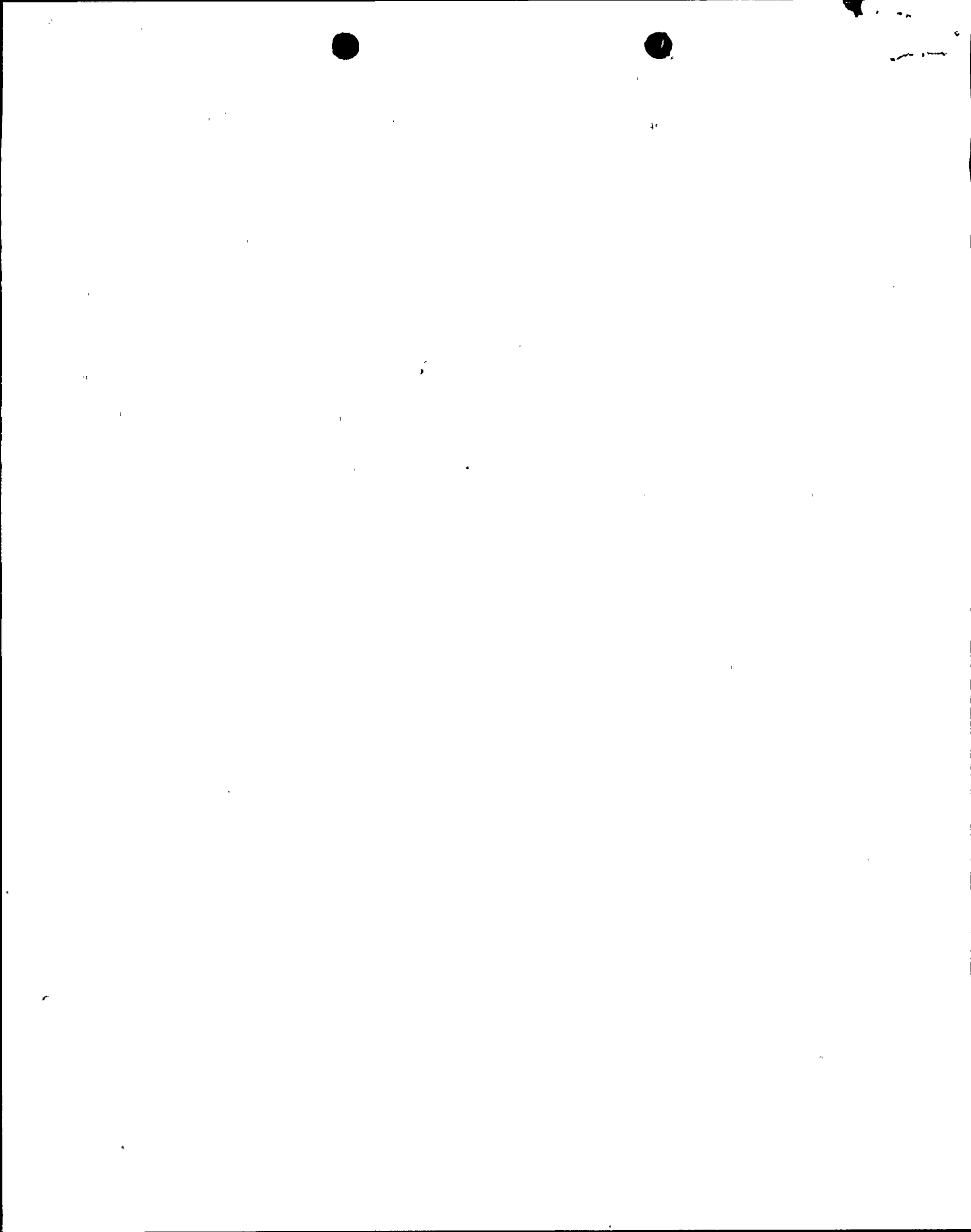
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NRC RESPONSE TO NMPC

COMMENTS TO SSER-3

LETTER DATED AUGUST 21, 1986

- 2-3 Accepted. The SER will be revised.
- 3-1 Accepted. The SER will be revised.
- 3-4 Accepted. The SER will be revised.
- 4-2 Section 4.4.4.1, Last paragraph, 4th line will be revised to a transient delta CPR of 0.17.
- 6-18 The SER will be revised to clarify these valves will be de-energized.
- 7-1 No change required. SSER #3 is consistent with Feb. 7, 1986, letter from applicant.
- 7-2 Requested change made for editorial purposes.
- 7-5 Requested change made for editorial purposes.
- 7-8 Change made as necessary per FSAR page 7.6-2a for clarification; applicant's specific change request was not made since it was not pertinent to the SSER issue (i.e., requested valve number changes were relative to injection valves whereas SSER discussion referenced pertains to inboard check valves).
- 13-2 The Niagara Mohawk letter of August 21, 1986, requested that the words, "on an interim basis," be removed from SSER-3, Section 13.3.2.8, regarding the NMP-2 emergency response facilities. The reference for the comment was given as NRC Inspection Report IR 86-23. IR 86-23 is the report of the findings of the onsite emergency preparedness implementation appraisal and while some aspects of the NMP-2 emergency response facilities (ERFs) were evaluated, it is not the post-implementation review referred to in SSER-3.

As stated in the SER and SSER-3, final staff evaluation of the operational capability of the ERFs will be conducted as part of the post-implementation review of emergency response capabilities in accordance with the requirements in Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737. The schedule for the post-implementation appraisal of the final ERFs will be established by agreement between Niagara Mohawk and the NRC. In summary, SSER-3, Section 13.3.2.8, provides an acceptable basis for our reasonable assurance finding and there is no need to address the issue further in a supplement to the SER.

