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Docket No. 50-410

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-410/86-52

This refers to the special team inspection of the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 employee concerns about quality assurance (QA) program effectiveness in the area of quality control (QC) inspections and the Quality First Program (Q1P) investigation of these concerns. This inspection was conducted on September 8-12, 1986, and a summary of our findings was presented by Mr. J. C. Linville to Mr. W. Donlon and members of your staff at the inspection's conclusion. The inspection on August 6-28, 1986 by Mr. R. Gramm which brought these matters to our attention, and management meetings on August 29, 1986 at the site and on September 4, 1986 in Region I to discuss them are also summarized.

Overall the inspection validated your position that the programmatic concerns identified in the Q1P investigation have not resulted in hardware deficiencies or impeded QA department personnel from identifying hardware deficiencies. In addition, there is evidence that QA overchecks of QC inspection activities have identified and corrected hardware deficiencies.

While no violations were identified during this inspection, several new programmatic weaknesses were identified, in addition to those identified by your Q1P investigation, which require additional action to improve program effectiveness. The weaknesses are summarized in sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the enclosed inspection report. You are requested to respond to this letter providing a description of your actions relative to these weaknesses.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

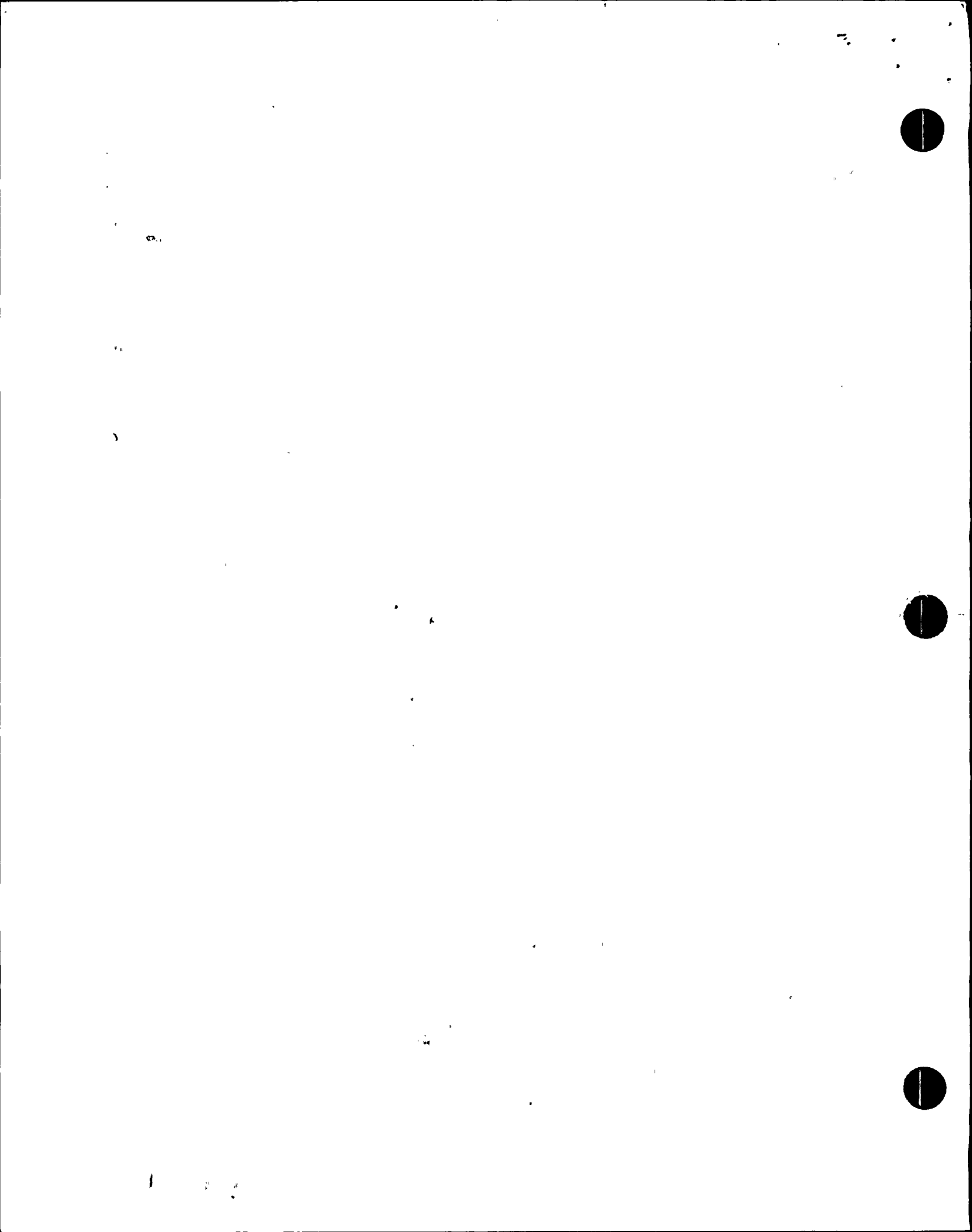
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