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SUBJECT: Forwards LER quality evaluations for Units 1 & 2 for periods
 June 1985 - Oct 1986 & Feb 1986 & Jan 1987. Weakness in
 differing quality of LERs between units noted. Overall
 quality consistent w/operating power reactors.

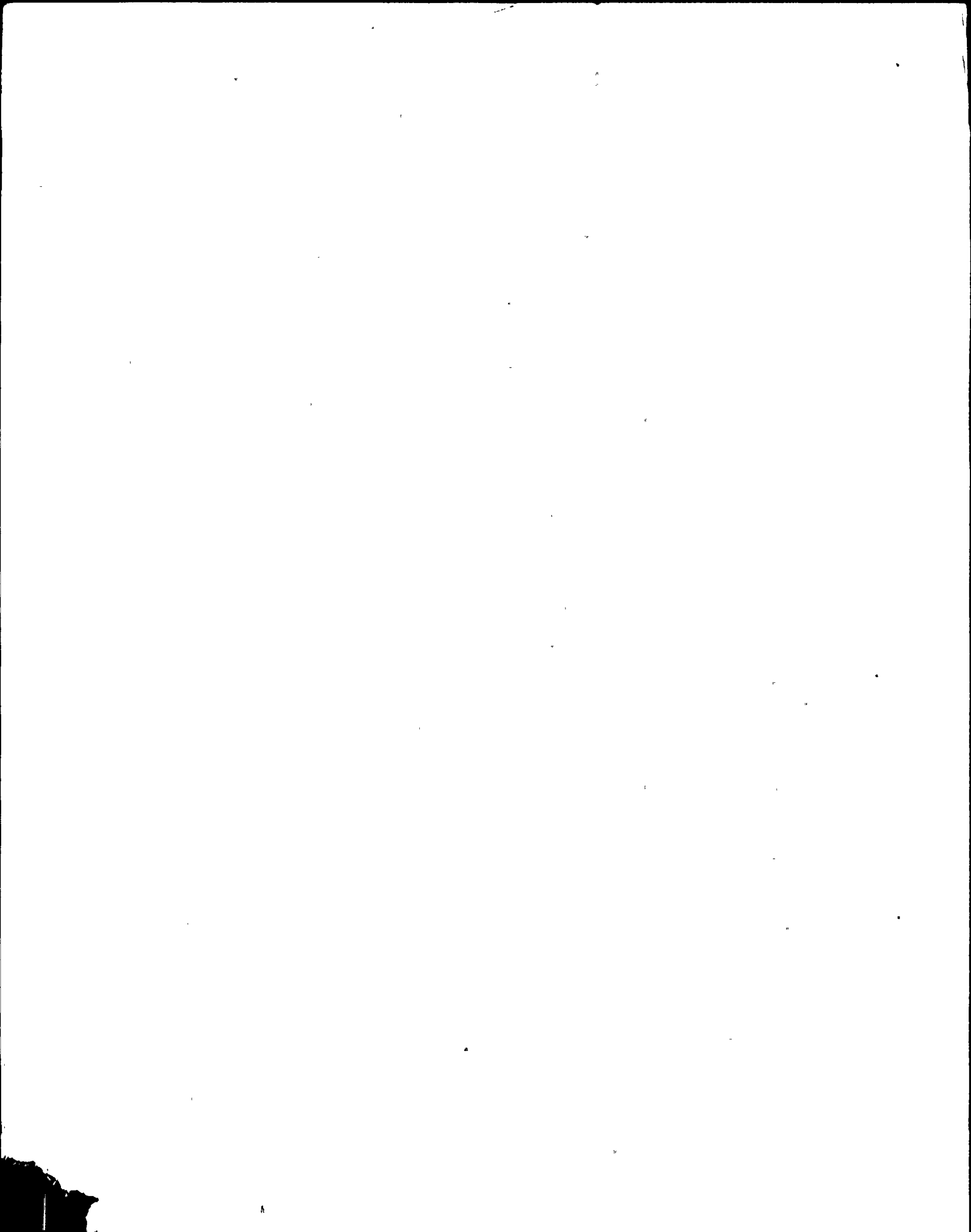
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Assessment of the Quality of Licensee Event Reports (LERs) - Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2

As part of the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) process, the NRC Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operation Data (AEOD) evaluated LERs submitted during the recent SALP assessment periods for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2. The assessments were performed using a methodology similar to that described in NUREG-1022, Supplement No. 2, "Licensing Event Report System."

The NRC considers it important to achieve high quality LERs from all operating power reactors to enable licensees and AEOD to effectively identify "precursor events" and emerging trends or patterns of potential safety significance. Generic studies triggered by events reported at specific units can lead to improvements in the level of reactor safety only if the available database is uniform and of high quality.

The enclosed LER assessments represent the first such assessments for Units 1 and 2 LERs. Based on a limited sample, AEOD concluded that the quality of Unit 1 LERs was consistent with the overall quality of LERs throughout operating power reactors, while the Unit 2 LERs were generally of high quality and exceeded the quality of Unit 1 LERs and the average power reactor LER. It appears that the differing results between the two units may have resulted from the Unit 2 LERs being sampled during a later time period. The specific weaknesses of the sampled LERs are discussed in the enclosed evaluation reports. Please review the enclosed analyses. As your event reporting system has been discussed during the recent SALP meetings and the September 21, 1987 Self-Assessment Program meeting, we believe further discussion is unnecessary, unless you would so desire.

Sincerely,

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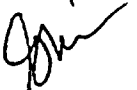
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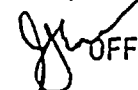
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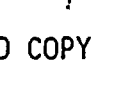
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