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SUBJECT: PNO-1-89-011.Entry of operational Mode 2 (start-up) pending resolution of design problem w/svc water sys vavles.

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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region I staff on this date.

Facility: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Scriba, New York Docket No. 50-410	Licensee Emergency Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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Subject: RESTART OF NMP UNIT 2 FOLLOWING MIDCYCLE OUTAGE

On October 1, 1988 Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation commenced a midcycle maintenance and surveillance outage at Unit 2. The outage was originally scheduled to be completed by December 1, 1988. Planned major work items included: replacement of nine safety relief valves; main generator maintenance; local leak rate testing (LLRT) of containment isolation valves (CIVs); surveillance testing; and repair of the B loop recirculation system outlet valve. The outage lasted almost three months longer than planned primarily due to several of the CIVs failing their LLRT criteria which required maintenance to be performed and unscheduled work consisting of replacement of the main generator coupling.

The unit is scheduled to enter Operational Mode 2 (Start-Up) this weekend pending resolution of a design problem with the service water system divisional crossconnect valves. A Special NRC Inspection Team was on-site January 30 through February 10, 1989 to assess the effectiveness of licensee management, in light of their recent poor performance at Unit 1. The team identified no concerns, to date, that would preclude Unit 2 start-up. Augmented NRC coverage will be provided to monitor Unit 2 start-up activities.

This notification is for information.

The State of New York has been informed.

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