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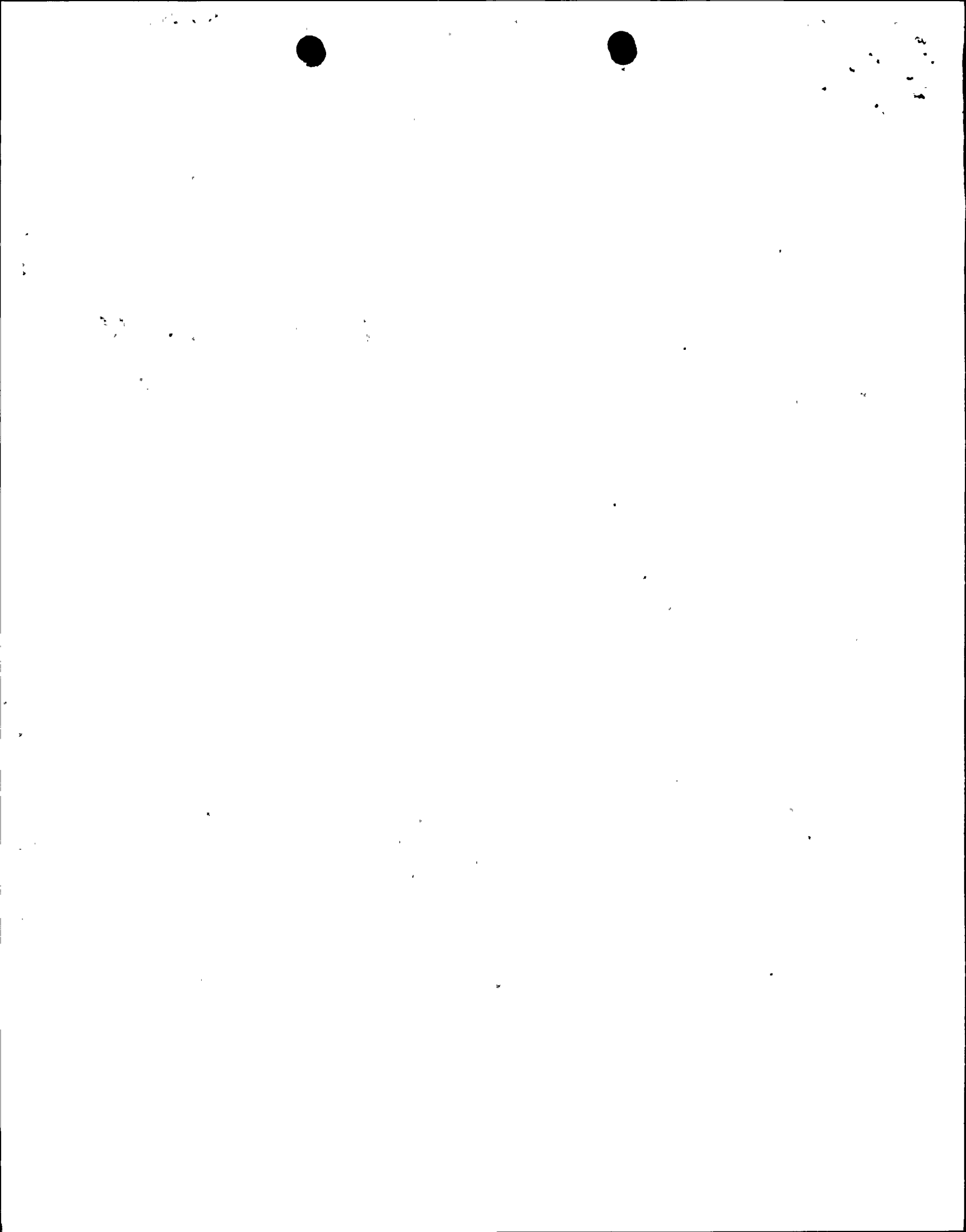
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Gentlemen:

The following report has been issued so that the Commission's staff may be kept informed of any changes in the site's NPDES/SPDES Discharge Permit (No. NY-000-1015) and any permit violations. The site's permit is applicable to both Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit 1 and Unit 2 (Docket numbers 50-220/50-410).

During the period of January-June 1990, there were several occurrences where the station failed to meet the requirements of the SPDES Discharge Permit. These occurrences were due to a failure to continuously record discharge temperature and/or flow parameters at Unit 2. Data for these parameters were estimated from the hours immediately preceding and following the short lapses. Data were obtained in this manner since the station pump flow and heat rate were stable. These occurrences were considered minor and had no significant impact on the environment. In addition to these occurrences, as the result of a sulfuric acid leak during October 1989, the Unit 2 circulating water system experienced elevated copper levels. Before discharging this water to Lake Ontario, Niagara Mohawk obtained an Emergency Authorization for discharge in November 1989 from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. During the first half of 1990, the discharge of water continued under the terms and conditions of an amended Emergency Authorization dated December 22, 1989. The controlled discharge was not a violation of the effluent limitations for the circulating water system contained in the discharge permit.

Attached are copies of the monthly summary reports sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation detailing the permit violations and the copper excursion.

Niagara Mohawk has not received any revisions to the station's SPDES Discharge Permit during the period of January-June 1990. The existing permit, which expired July 1, 1988, is expected to be renewed in the near future by the New York State Department of Environmental

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Conservation. Relative to this matter, Niagara Mohawk received a "Request for Extension of Uniform Procedures Act (UPA) Deadline" from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation requesting more time to process the permit renewal. Subsequent to this request, Niagara Mohawk received from the State of New York a draft permit dated December 28, 1988 and a request for comments. Niagara Mohawk provided comments to the State of New York on March 10, 1989. Once the permit renewal is received, Niagara Mohawk will notify the Commission as part of the normal six-month update status report on the station's SPDES Permit and as part of any reporting requirements contained in Appendix B of the Unit 2 License (Environmental Protection Plan). In the meantime, the requirements of the expired permit will be followed.

Niagara Mohawk will fulfill the requirement to keep the NRC staff informed of any changes in the NPDES/SPDES Discharge Permit or of any permit violations. Such information will be supplied on a semi-annual basis.

In the event there are any questions concerning permit violations and revisions, or the reporting schedule, please contact Mr. Hugh Flanagan at (315) 349-2428.

Sincerely,



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