



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555
June 18, 1991

Docket Nos. 50-220
and 50-410

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 88-14 - NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION,
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. 71685 AND 71686)

Generic Letter (GL) 88-14 requested licenses and applicants to review NUREG-1275, Volume 2, "Operating Experience Feedback Report - Air Systems Problems," and perform a design and operations verification of the station instrument air system.

By letters dated April 1, 1989 (one for each unit), and supplemented on January 11, 1991 for Unit 2, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) responded to the subject GL and stated that the NMPC program to provide the requested information would be conducted in three phases. Phase I of the program consisted of the requested design and operations verification, the results of which were reported in the April 1, 1989, letters. The purpose of Phase II of the program is to evaluate industry recommendations and potential air system improvements. Phase III of the program involves the implementation of corrective actions and system improvements identified in Phases I and II.

The April 1, 1989, letter for Unit 1 stated that (1) the Phase II results were to be submitted to the NRC after startup from the next refueling outage which was then scheduled for spring 1991, (2) the Phase III implementation actions would take place prior to and during that refueling outage, and (3) a final submittal of information in response to GL 88-14 would be made in January 1992. However, due to the extended outage of Unit 1, the next refueling outage for Unit 1 is currently scheduled for fall 1992. Therefore, these schedules are being modified accordingly. The NRC staff finds these modified schedules acceptable.

The January 11, 1991, letter modified the Unit 2 schedules and committed to have the Phase II evaluations completed by September 1991 and to submit a summary report, including evaluations completed in Phase II by December 31, 1991. The summary report will also include a schedule for implementing planned improvements.

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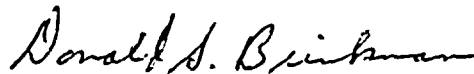
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Your responses to the subject GL indicate that the required verifications have been performed and provide a discussion of the actions to be completed in Phases II and III of the program. Therefore, we conclude that NMPC has fulfilled the requirements of the GL for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2 and our efforts related to the above referenced TAC numbers are completed.

As noted in the GL, the documentation assembled for this verification should be retained for a future audit by the NRC staff. In addition to the above noted Phase II reports, please notify the NRC in writing when the Phase III corrective actions and system improvements have been implemented.

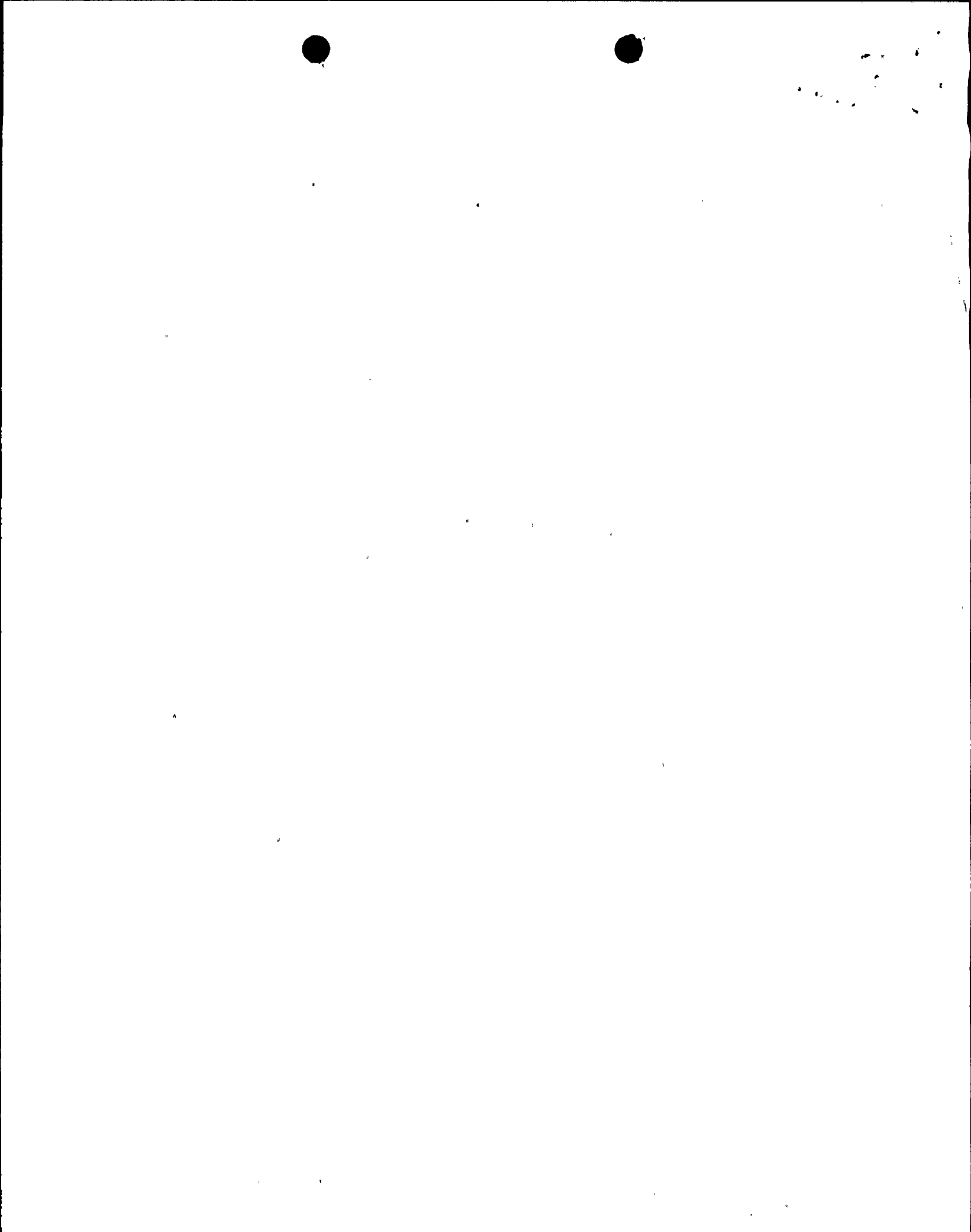
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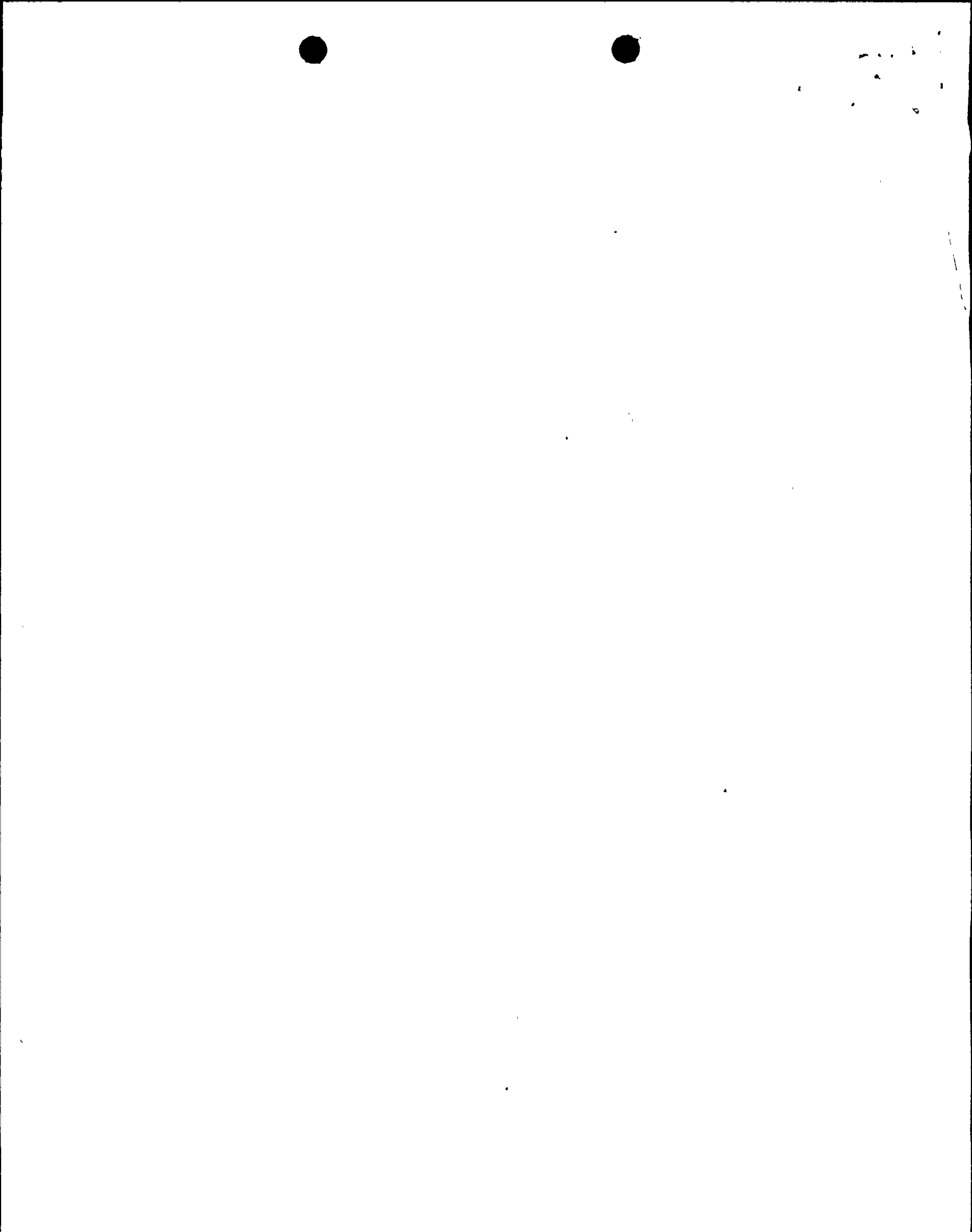
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