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SUBJECT: PNO-I-95-003:on 950201, plant experienced reactor

recirculation pump runback to min flow from 77 percent power. Caused by plant personnel error. Resident inspectors

dispatched. State of NY notified.

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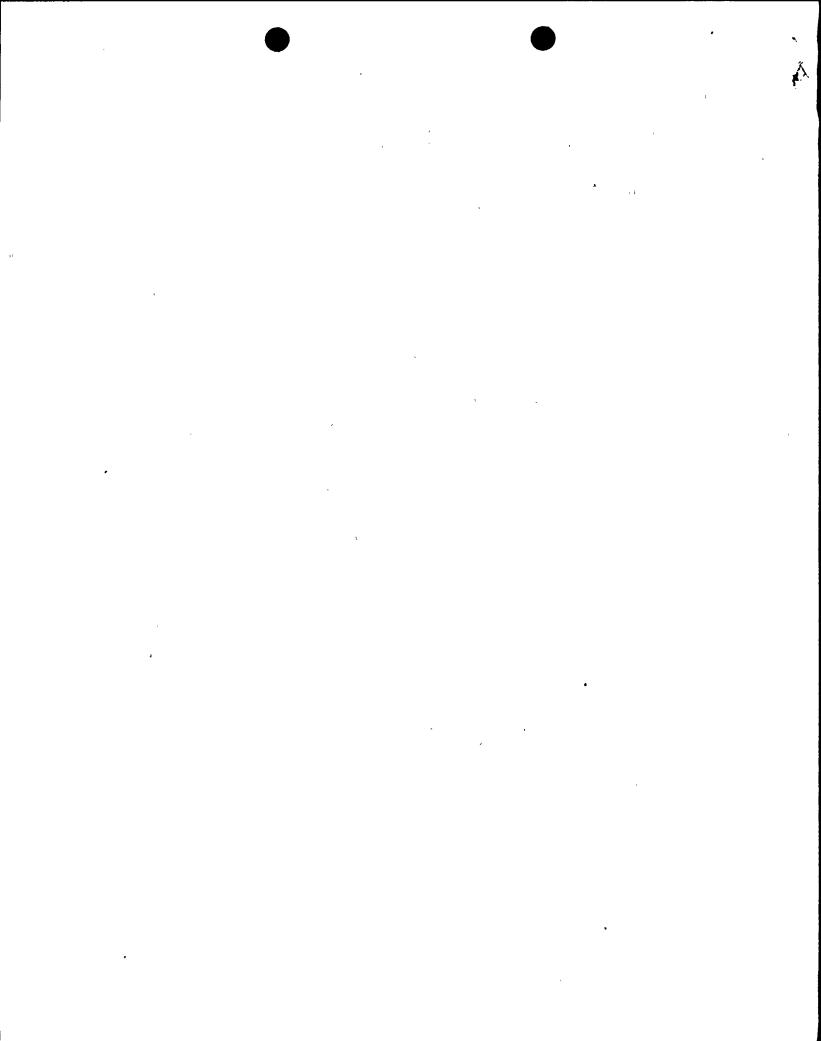
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February 2, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-9503

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:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Notification of Unusual Event
Nine Mile Point 1	Alert
Oswego, New York	Site Area Emergency
3. ,	General Emergency
	X_Not Applicable

Docket No.: 50-220 License No.: DPR-63 Event No.: NA

Event Location Code: POW

SUBJECT: RECIRCULATION PUMP RUNBACK AND TURBINE TRIP

On February 1, 1995, at about 12:30 pm, Nine Mile Point (NMP) Unit 1 experienced a reactor recirculation pump runback to minimum flow from 77 percent power. The transient caused power and flow to pass through the restricted zone and stabilize in an undefined area to the left of the minimum flow line on the power-flow operating map.

Prior to the transient, the plant was operating at 77 percent power, with 98 percent recirculation flow, coasting down to the refueling outage scheduled to begin February 11. One of the five recirculation loops was isolated for maintenance on the recirculation pump motor gnerator set and controls.

The initiating event for the transient was a personnel error during the maintenance which caused a minimum flow signal to be sent to the operating recirculation pumps. The recirculation pump runback caused a rapid reduction in power and an attendant increase in reactor vessel water level. Reactor vessel water level increased to the trip setpoint for the turbine, and the generator subsequently tripped on reverse power. Because power was less than 45 percent when the turbine tripped, reactor protection system logic did not require a reactor scram. All safety systems responded as designed.

During the event, the reactor operator inserted control rods. Once the shift supervisor and a reactor engineer determined that flow was below procedural requirements, flow was increased to greater than 20%.

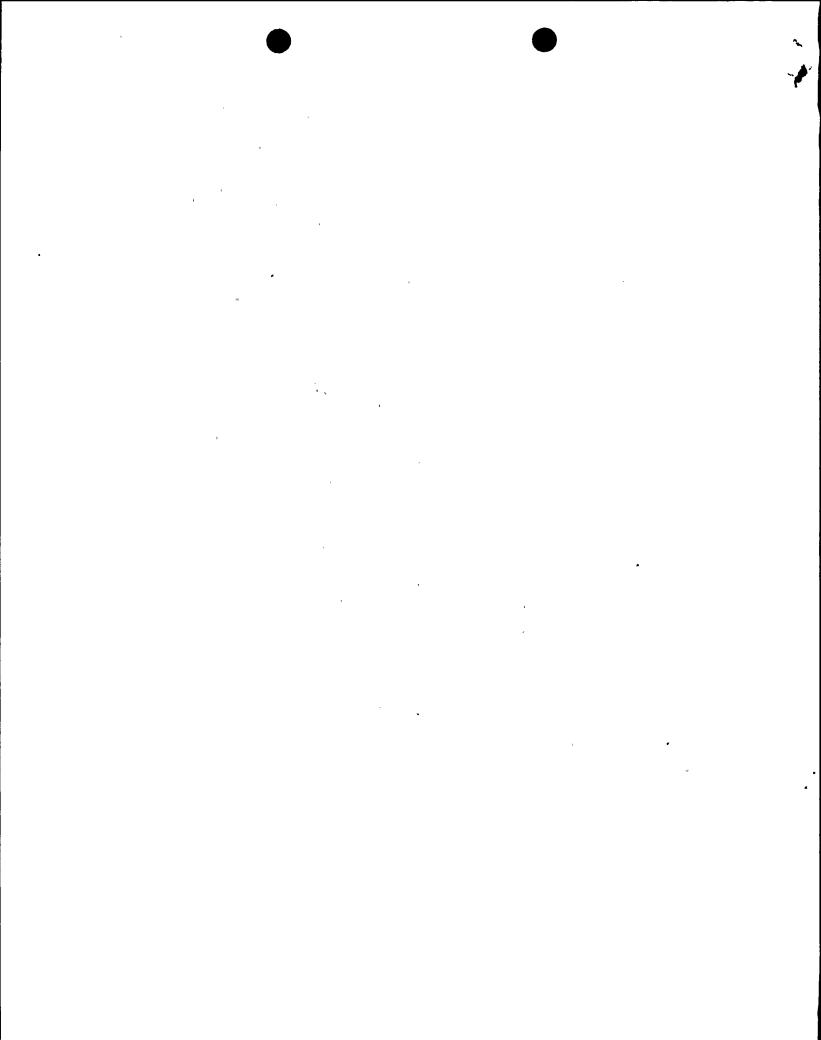
The resident inspectors are following the activities. Region I is dispatching a Special Inspection Team to the site, consisting of Region I, NRR, and contractor personnel. The team will review the causes, safety implications, and associated licensee actions which relate to this transient.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

Region I received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the NMP Senior Resident Inspector on February 1, 1995, about 2:00 pm. This information has been discussed with the licensee, and is current as of 3:30 pm on February 2, 1995.

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Region I Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries. The State of \cdot New York was notified.

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