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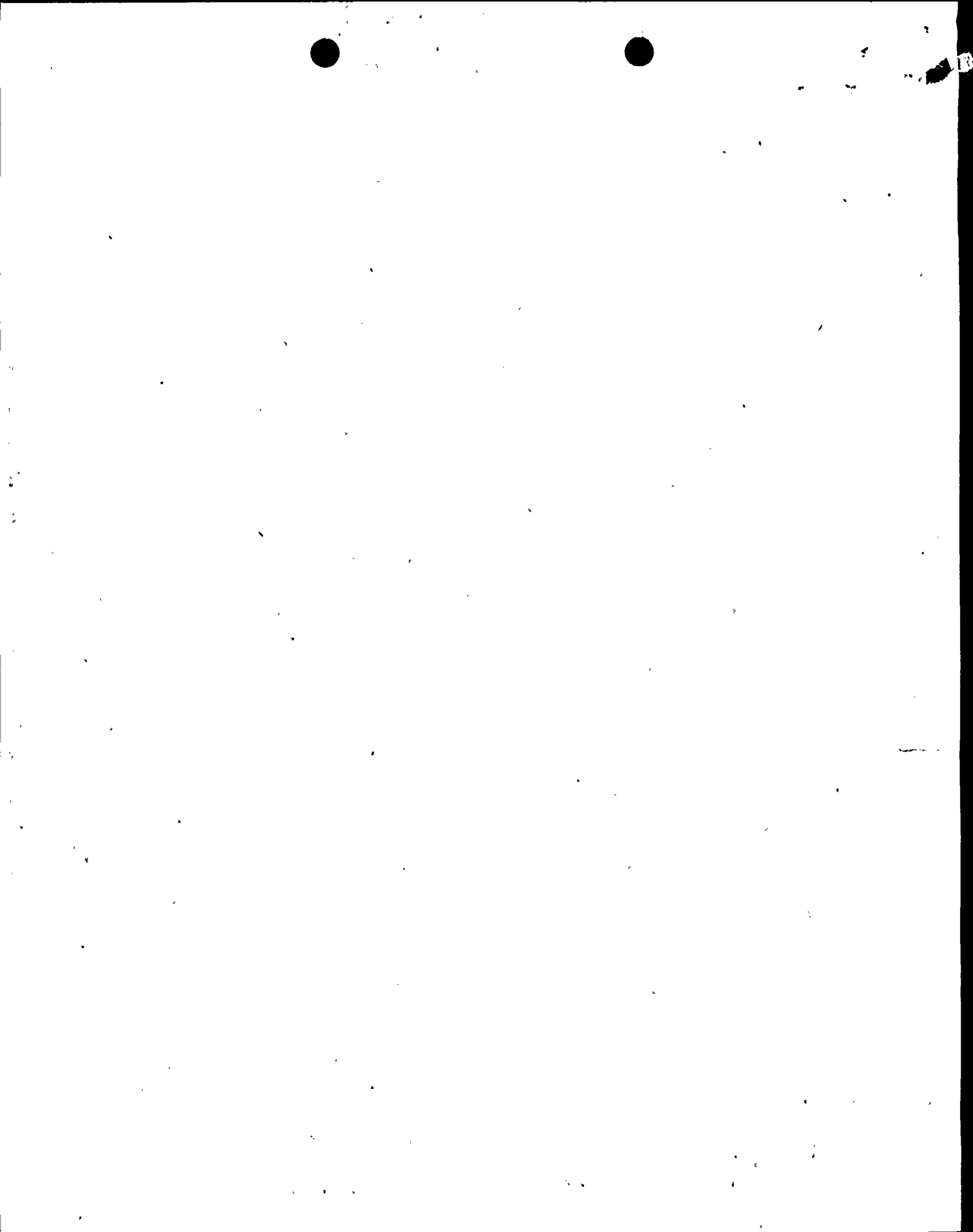
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Subject: Response to NRC Staff Questions Provided During Telephone Conversation of April 30, 1997, on Core Shroud Issues

Gentlemen:

By letter dated April 8, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) submitted to the NRC the results of the inspection of Nine Mile Point Unit 1 (NMP1) Core Shroud and Stabilizer Assemblies conducted during the Spring 1997 refueling outage.

Following the submittal of April 8, 1997, during the telephone conversation of April 30, 1997, the staff requested: additional information pertaining to proposed core shroud reinspection plans and clarification of the response provided by NMPC by letter dated April 25, 1997, related to use of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) guidance on reactor water chemistry.

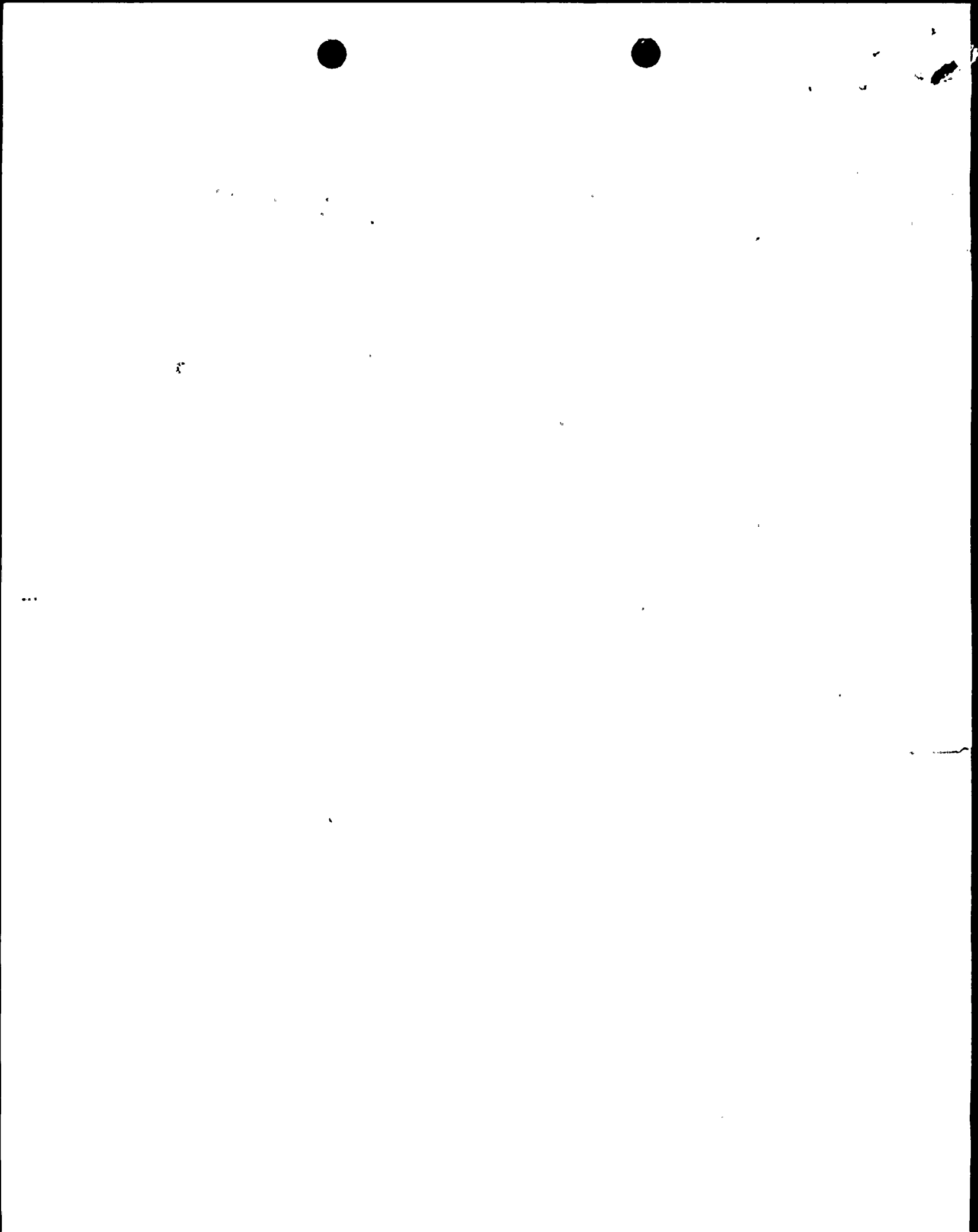
NMPC will provide to the staff reinspection plans for the core shroud and stabilizer assemblies three (3) months prior to the end of the proposed operating cycle, described in the April 8, 1997, submittal, of 10,600 operating hours.

In clarification of the submitted statements related to reactor water chemistry, NMPC is committed to following the EPRI BWR Water Chemistry Guidelines - 1996 revision, TR-103515, Table 4-4, as they are applicable to NMP1. The ECP Control Parameter is not

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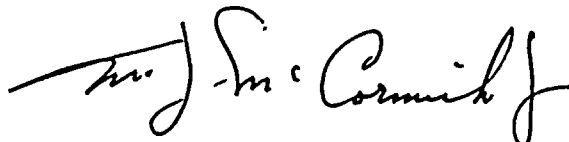
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applicable for NMP1 as local ECP cannot be measured. The Control Parameter for Zinc is not applicable because it is not injected into the reactor coolant at NMP1. All other Control Parameters contained in TR-103515, Table 4-4, are applicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. McCormick Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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