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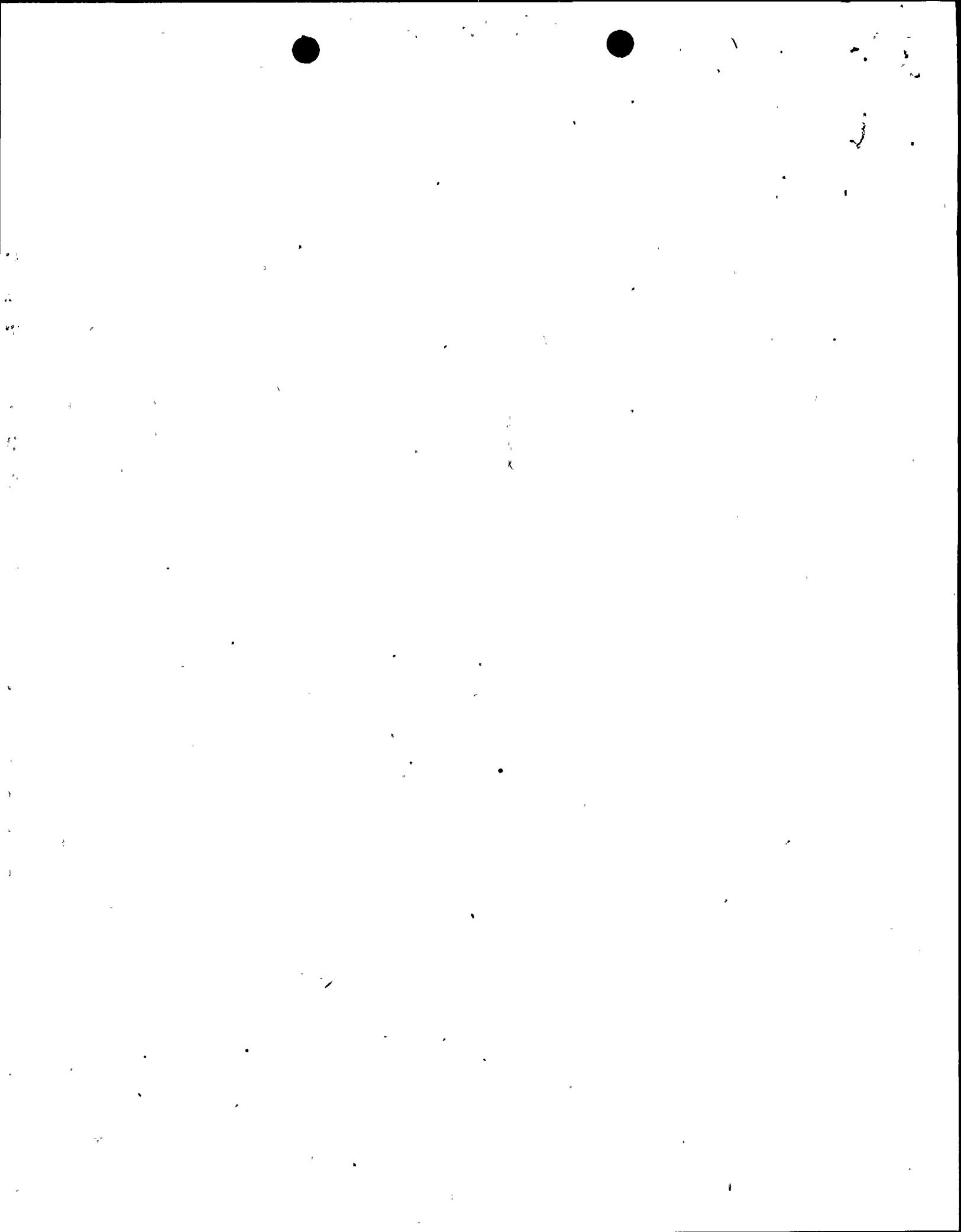
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RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
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Subject: *Delay in Additional Tests of Core Shroud Boat Samples*

Gentlemen:

By letter dated September 30, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) provided the results of the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 analyses and evaluation of the Core Shroud Boat Samples as committed to by letter dated April 23, 1997. These results confirmed that the failure mechanism of the cracking was intergranular stress corrosion cracking. The analyses also showed that there was no evidence of irradiation-assisted stress corrosion cracking as a contributing mechanism for crack initiation or propagation. In the September 30, 1997 submittal, NMPC stated that additional testing was on-going to define the fluence effect on the material properties of the boat samples and that these results would be provided by November 30, 1997.

NMPC has determined that more time than originally expected will be required to complete these additional tests. This is a result of working with the small, highly irradiated non-standard size boat sample pieces. NMPC will now provide the results of these tests to the NRC by January 30, 1998.

Very truly yours,

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