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SUBJECT: LER 98-002-00: on 980115, violation of TS 6.2.2.b were noted.
 Caused by licensed operator knowingly violated TS &
 procedure requirements. Licensed operator has been removed
 from all station duties. W/980217 ltr.

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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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RE: Docket No. 50-410
LER 98-02

Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10CFR50.73 (a)(2)(i)(B), we are submitting LER 98-02, "Violation of Technical Specification 6.2.2.b."

Very truly yours,

Kim A. Dahlberg
Plant Manager - NMP2

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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FACILITY NAME (1) Nine Mile Point Unit 2	DOCKET NUMBER (2) 05000410	PAGE (3) 1 OF 3
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TITLE (4)
Violation of Technical Specification 6.2.2.b

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)				REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
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CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

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ABSTRACT (Limits to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single space typewritten lines) (16)

On January 15, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) discovered that on December 24, 1997, for approximately six minutes, a Licensed Operator was not "at the controls" of Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP2) as required by Technical Specification (TS) 6.2.2.b. This violation was discovered by NMPC during an investigation into missing Operations personnel files. A Licensed Senior Operator and the Licensed Operator were in the control room and both could have immediately responded to plant transients. At the time, the plant was operating with all Emergency Core Cooling Systems available for automatic response to a plant transient.

The apparent cause of the event is that the Licensed Operator knowingly violated the TS and procedure requirements. Since NMPC became aware of this violation, the Licensed Operator has not been available for interview due to medical reasons.

The licensed operator has been removed from all station duties.



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I. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On January 15, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) discovered that on December 24, 1997 for approximately six minutes, a Licensed Operator was not "at the controls" of Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP2). Technical Specification (TS) 6.2.2.b requires "at least one Licensed Operator shall be in the control room when fuel is in the reactor. In OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1, 2 or 3, at least one Licensed Senior Operator or Licensed Operator shall be at the controls of the unit." Contrary to this requirement, the Licensed Operator, who was assigned to the "at the controls" area, left the controls area. The "at the controls" area is defined by Figure 13.5-1 of the NMP2 Updated Safety Analysis Report.

As required by TS 6.2.2.e, a Licensed Senior Operator (Assistant Station Shift Supervisor (ASSS)) was in the control room during this period. However, the Licensed Senior Operator was in the area of the control room back panels (not in the view of the "at the controls" area) and was thus unaware of this TS violation. The Station Shift Supervisor (SSS) was performing tasks outside the control room.

NMPC discovered this violation while performing an investigation into missing Operations personnel files. In the course of the investigation, it became evident that the Licensed Operator left the controls area to remove the personnel files. The Licensed Operator entered the glass enclosed SSS office and an area behind a control panel. Both areas are in the control room, but outside the "at the controls" area.

II. CAUSE OF EVENT

The apparent cause of the event is that the Licensed Operator knowingly violated the TS and procedure requirements. Since NMPC became aware of this violation, the Licensed Operator has not been available for interview due to medical reasons.

NMPC has performed an investigation and concluded that this violation was isolated to the Licensed Operator on this one occasion. Other licensed personnel were interviewed, and all interviewed knew the "at the controls" requirements and assured that they met those requirements.

III. ANALYSIS OF EVENT

The event is reportable in accordance with 10CFR50.73 (a)(2)(i)(B), "any operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications," since a Licensed Operator was not "at the controls".



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III. ANALYSIS OF EVENT (cont'd)

As noted above, the Licensed Senior Operator (ASSS), and the Licensed Operator were in the control room and both could have immediately responded to plant transients. At the time, the plant was operating with all Emergency Core Cooling Systems available for automatic response to a plant transient. Therefore, this event did not pose a threat to the health and safety of the public or plant personnel.

IV. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. The Licensed Operator has been removed from all station duties. Prior to the discovery of this event, the individual had his unescorted access removed for medical reasons on January 2, 1998.
2. An investigation was performed and concluded that this was an isolated incident involving this Licensed Operator on this one occasion. Other licensed personnel were interviewed, and all interviewed knew the "at the controls" requirements and assured that they met those requirements.
3. A sampling of surveillances involving the Licensed Operator within the last six months were compared against Security records. The available records indicated that the Operator was in the area needed to perform the surveillances. Additionally, surveillance procedures are reviewed by two operations management staff personnel prior to closing out the procedures.
4. A sampling of rounds performed by the Licensed Operator in the last six months were reviewed against Security records. It was determined that on July 21, 1997, one required area was not entered. This was a general area requiring entry on shiftly rounds. Subsequent rounds verified that there were no anomalies in that area. Therefore, there are no adverse consequence of the missed rounds. An additional sampling was performed with no further discrepancies and thus, the single instance is considered an anomaly.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Failed components: none.
- B. Previous similar events: none.
- C. Identification of components referred to in this LER: none.

