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 projected completion date for all C/A to 981215.

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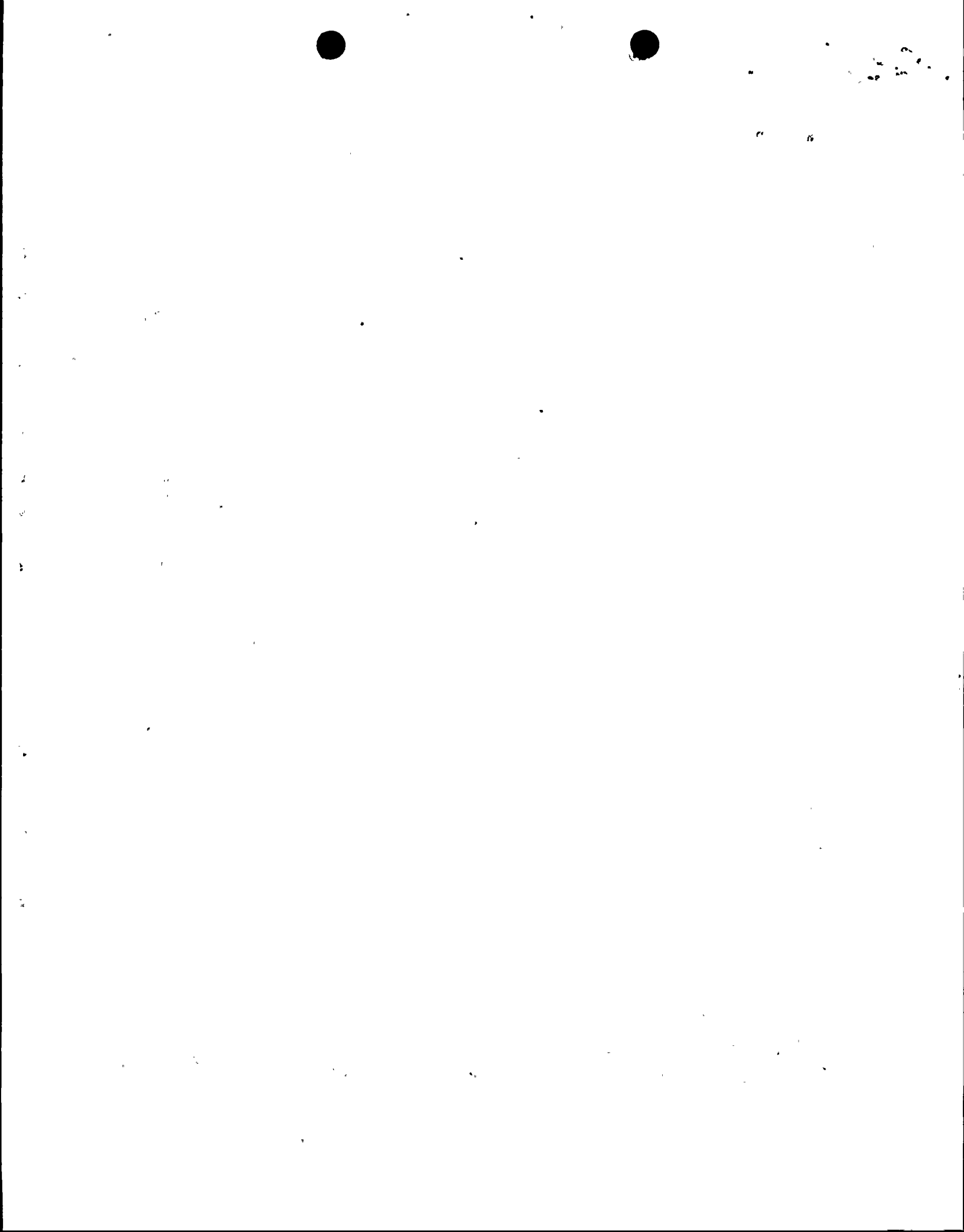
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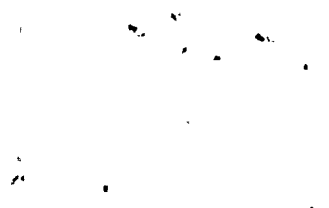
Gentlemen:

On March 20, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) provided a written report (NMP2L 1696) concerning a 10CFR21 reportable condition involving the subject switches. In that report, NMPC provided a projected date of May 1, 1998 for the replacement of the affected switches. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that: (1) NMPC may determine that continued utilization of Borg-Warner pressure switches in the Service Water System (SWP) and Control Building Chilled Water System (HVK) actuators is justified; and (2) NMPC is revising the projected completion date for all corrective actions to December 15, 1998.

The corrective actions identified in the March 20, 1997 letter included either the replacement of the affected switches with a different model switch or the replacement of the affected actuators with a different model actuator. NMPC has initiated the replacement of the Standby Gas Treatment System (GTS) actuators with a different type of actuator. The replacement requires performing breaches of the secondary containment scheduled to be completed during Refueling Outage 6. Upon completion of the outage, installation of associated support equipment will commence. Final GTS actuator replacement is scheduled to be completed by November 1, 1998.

With respect to the SWP and HVK Borg-Warner switches NMPC Nuclear Engineering will determine to either (1) replace the remaining affected Borg-Warner switches on the SWP and HVK actuators with a different model, or (2) support the utilization of the current SWP and HVK Borg-Warner switches under the conditions of more rigorous post-installation testing and increased surveillance frequency. Due to the time required to either procure suitable replacement switches or to provide sufficient justification to utilize the current switches, NMPC will complete the required corrective action by December 15, 1998. There have been

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no operational failures associated with the SWP and HVK switches since increasing the surveillance frequency of the existing switches.

As indicated in its March 20, 1997 report, NMPC will maintain an appropriate switch surveillance schedule to detect premature degradation of the affected components until all corrective actions have been determined to be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,



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