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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 12, 1998

LICENSEE: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

FACILITY: Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF MAY 11, 1998, REGARDING  
SCHEDULE FOR MODIFICATIONS TO CONTROL ROOM AIR TREATMENT  
SYSTEM (TAC NO. MA1653)

On May 11, 1998, Mr. Steven Leonard of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC or licensee) called me to discuss the schedule for completing modifications to the Control Room Air Treatment System for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (NMP1). These modifications, identified in NMPC's application for license amendment dated May 2, 1998, would automatically initiate the Control Room Air Treatment System on either a main steam line break or loss-of-coolant accident signal. The modifications are being made to correct deficiencies that caused the licensee to declare the system inoperable and shut NMP1 down on April 28, 1998, until the modifications are completed and the NRC issues the license amendment. Because the licensee expected to complete the modifications in 1 week, and because power operation cannot resume until the amendment is issued, the licensee requested in the application that the NRC issue the amendment on an emergency basis in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5).

During the call, Mr. Leonard explained that since the application for amendment was issued, a project team, consisting of engineers from Sergeant & Lundy and NMPC, has completed an independent design review to determine compliance of plant activities (operations, maintenance, testing and engineering) with the Control Room Air Treatment System's design and licensing basis. The project team identified noncompliances with the system's design and licensing basis, mostly involving the lack of system redundancy and lack of documentation regarding the system's ability to maintain a habitable control room environment after an accident concurrent with a single failure in the system. Mr. Leonard said that modifications to correct these deficiencies have been added to the scope of work to be completed before the system will be declared operable. Consequently, the earlier estimate of 7 days has changed and NMPC now estimates that the modifications will be completed in about 2 to 3 weeks.

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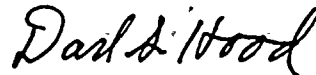
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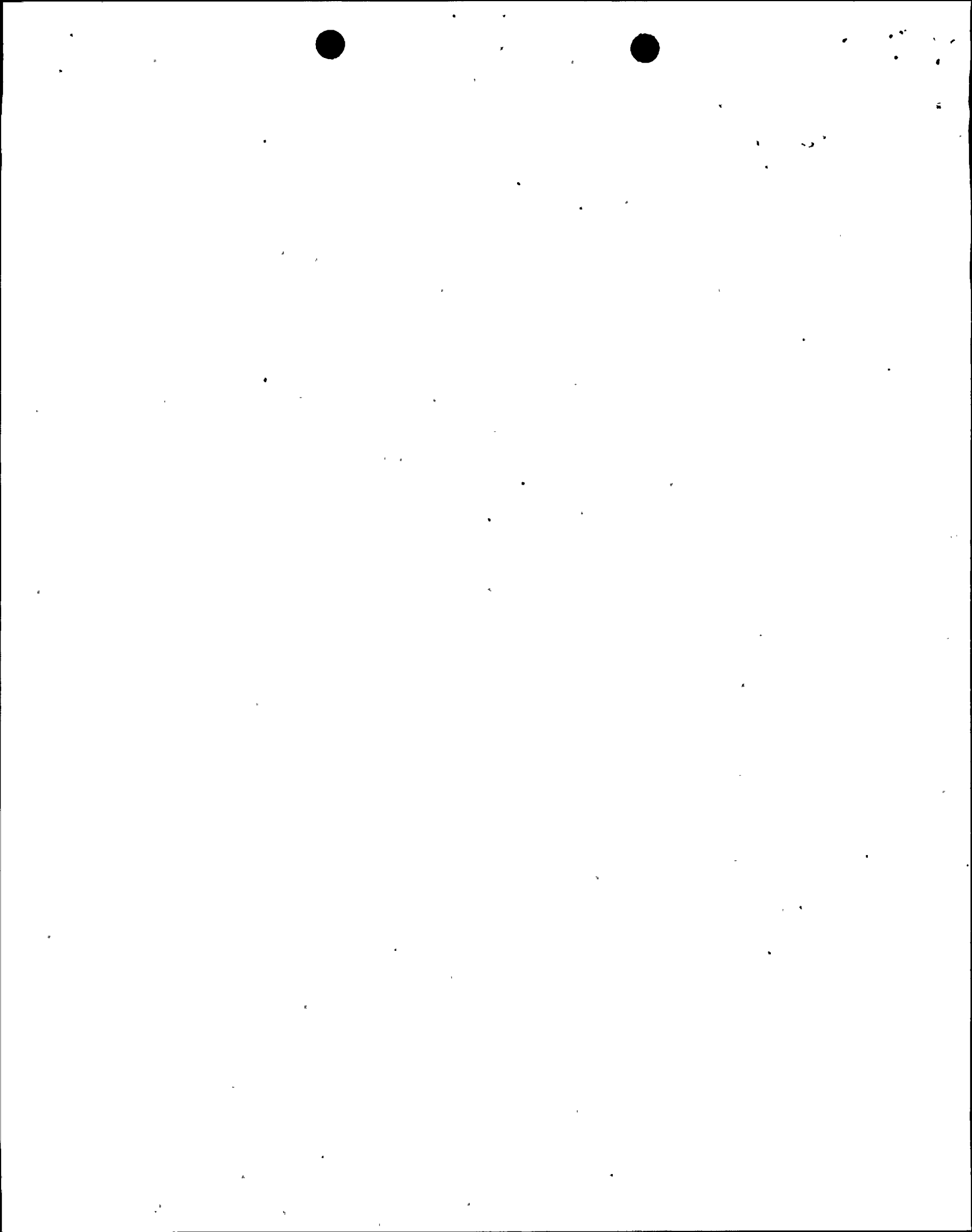
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