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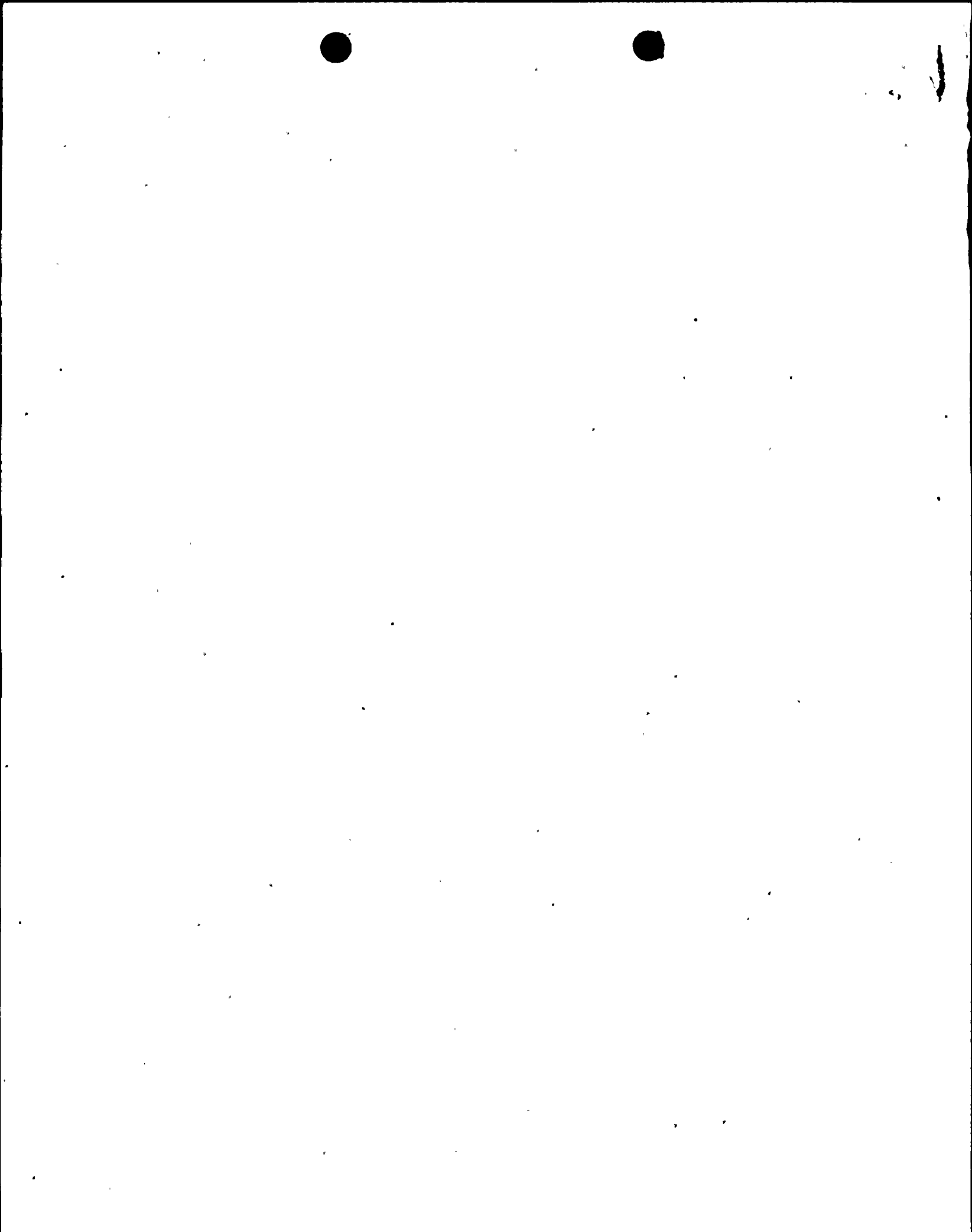
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Subject: Special Report

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Nine Mile Point Unit 1 (NMP1) Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.6.11-1, "Accident Monitoring Instrumentation," Action Statement 4.a, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) is submitting the following Special Report concerning the inoperability of the #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System (HMS).

Description of Event

On September 28, 1998, at about 1930 hours, with the reactor mode switch in the "RUN" position during normal operations, the #12 HMS was declared inoperable due to an abnormal trend during panel walkdowns. At the time, #11 HMS was out-of-service as described in a Special Report (NMP1L 1364), dated September 28, 1998. On September 30, 1998, at approximately 1645 hours, #11 HMS was returned to service.

During surveillance testing on the system, on October 2, 1998, isolation check valve 201.2-68 failed reverse flow testing. This failure is not related to the original reason for declaring #12 HMS inoperable.

Cause of Event

The causes of the abnormal trend and the test failure of isolation check valve 201.2-68 have not yet been determined.

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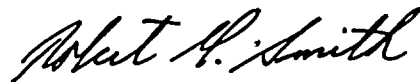
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Corrective Actions

In accordance with TS Table 3.6.11-2 Action 4.b, grab samples were taken during the period when both #11 HMS and #12 HMS were out of service.

When the causes of these malfunctions have been determined, and corrective actions developed, a revision to the Special Report will be submitted.

Very truly yours,



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