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SUBJECT: PNO-I-97-062: on 970916, one inch "fish-mouth" break was identified on one condenser inlet tube in emergency cooling condenser. Repairs required cutting of inlet & outlet endbells of condenser.

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-97-062

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region I staff in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Notification of Unusual Event
Nine Mile Point 1	Alert
Lycoming, New York	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-220	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: FORCED OUTAGE TO REPAIR EMERGENCY CONDENSER TUBE LEAKS

On September 15, 1997, Nine Mile Point Unit 1 commenced a reactor shutdown to evaluate and repair an apparent tube leak in one of four emergency cooling (EC) condensers.

On September 16, using a boroscope, a 1-inch "fish-mouth" break was identified on one condenser inlet tube in the EC condenser. The repairs require the licensee to remove by cutting the inlet and outlet endbells of the condenser. Subsequently, on September 22, during a pressure test of the redundant train, the licensee identified tube leaks in two other EC condensers.

To inspect and repair all the EC condensers, the licensee currently anticipates the forced outage duration to be approximately four to seven weeks.

The resident staff is following the outage and monitoring licensee activities.

The licensee has issued a press release.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

The State of New York has been notified.

The information is current as of 9:00 a.m., September 25, 1997.

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