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SUBJECT: FORWARDING LICENSEE EVENT REPT (RO 50-220/78-001) ON 01/04/78 CONCERNING DELTA TEMPERATURE OF THE DISCHARGE WATER EXCEEDED ENVIRON TECH SPEC 2.1.5, DUE TO FAILURE OF GATE C, CIRCULATING WATER DISCHARGE GATE TO DISCHARGE TUNNEL TO CLOSE PROPERLY...W/ATT.

PLANT NAME: NINE MILE PT - UNIT 1

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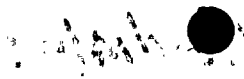
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January 13, 1978

Mr. Boyce H. Grier
Director
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA. 19406

RE: Docket No. 50-220

Dear Mr. Grier:

In accordance with Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1 Technical Specifications, we hereby submit Licensee Event Report LER 78-01, which is in violation of Section 2.1.5 of the Environmental Technical Specifications.

This report was completed in the format designated in NUREG-0161, dated July 1977.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Lempges

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General Superintendent -
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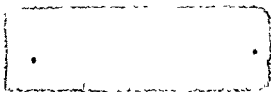
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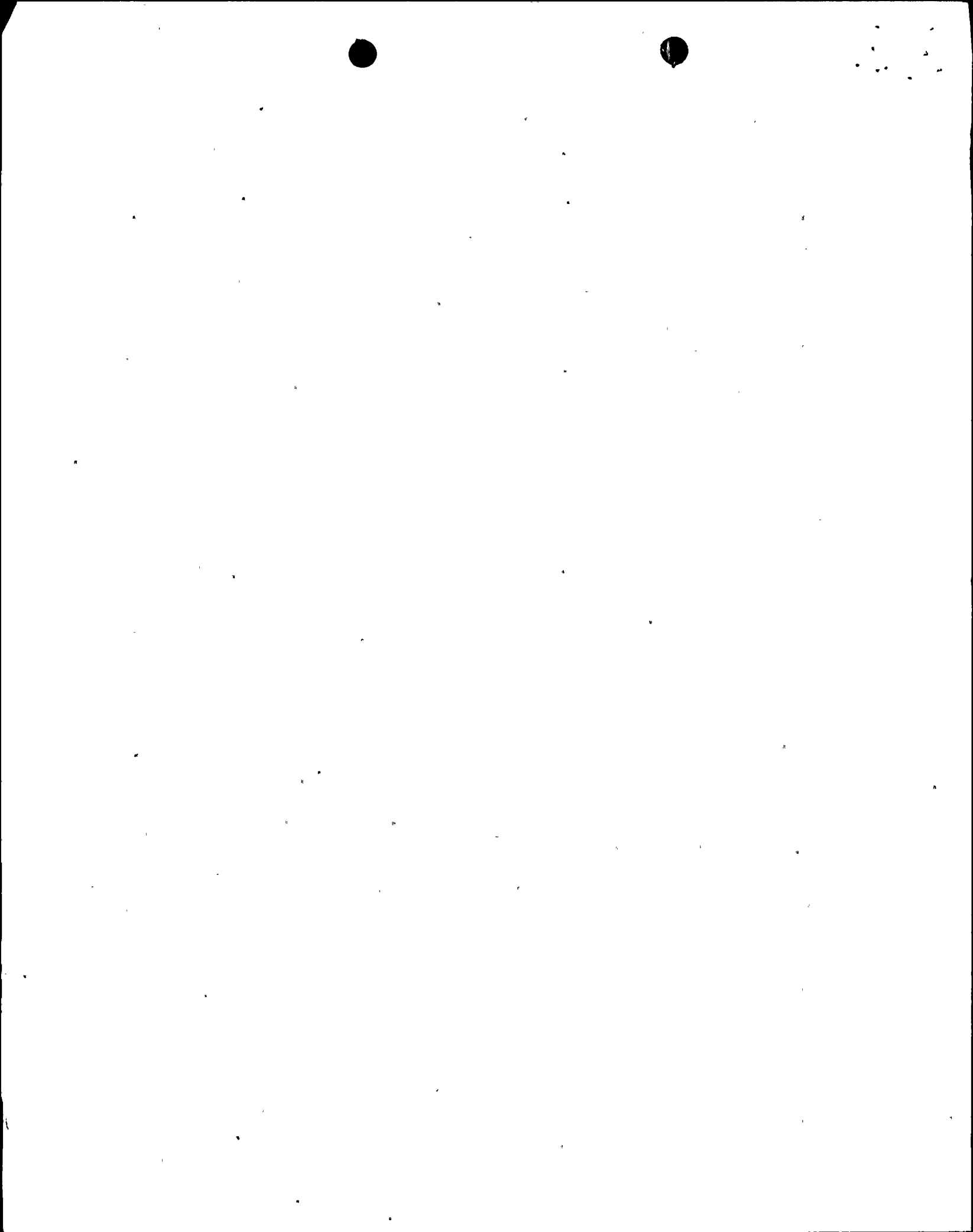
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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION/300 ERIE BOULEVARD WEST, SYRACUSE, N.Y. 13202/TELEPHONE (315) 474-1511

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RE: Docket No. 50-220
LER 78-01/04 T-0
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1

Dear Mr. Grier:

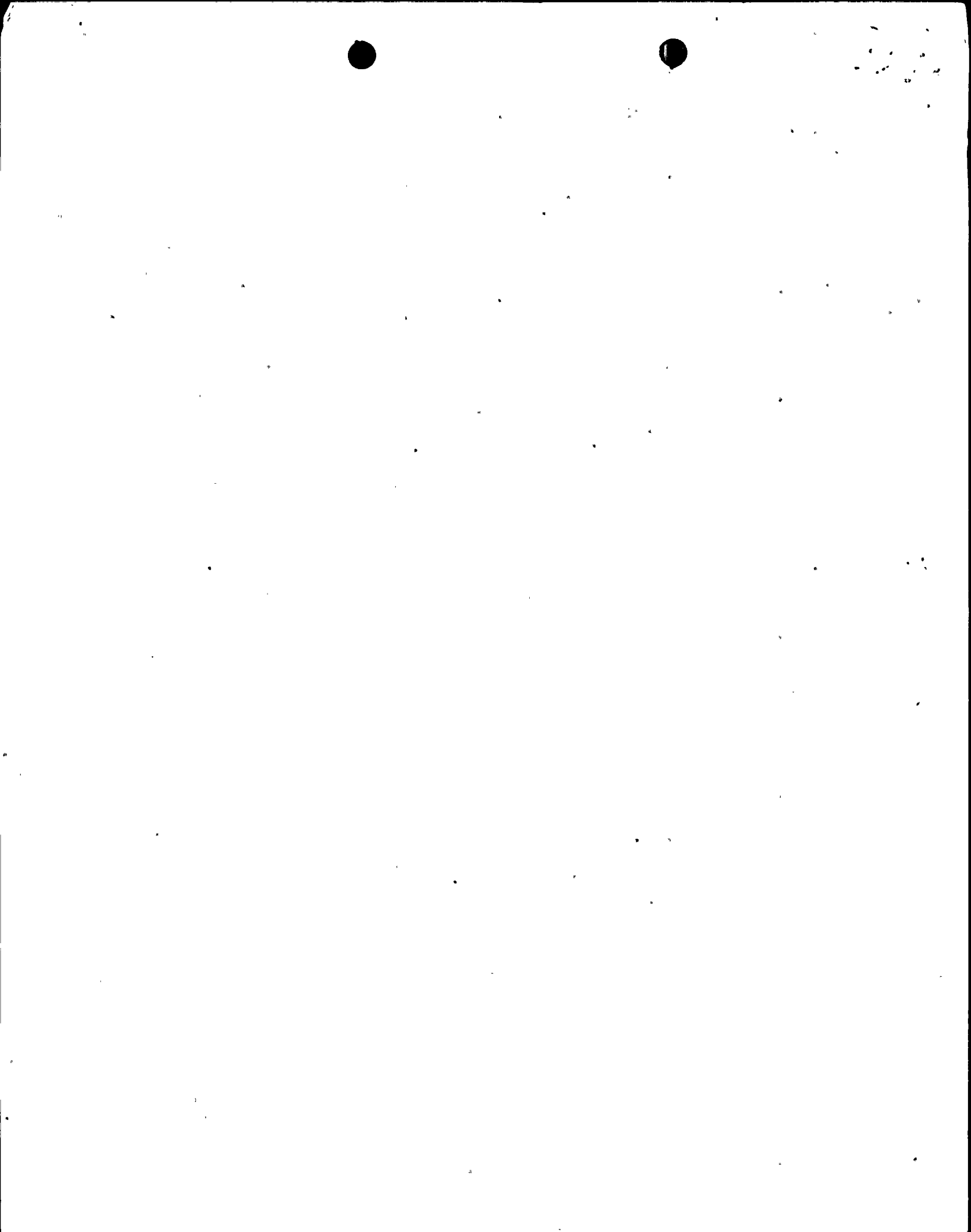
Section 2.1.5 of the Environmental Technical Specifications requires that the Δ Temperature of our discharge water to the lake not exceed 50°F two hours after flow reversal and thereafter. Contrary to this, on January 4, 1978, the 50°F ΔT was exceeded by values of 0.5°F to 2.6°F during the period two through six hours after flow reversal.

On January 3, 1978 at 2305 hours, the flow of the circulating water was reversed to correct icing in the intake tunnel. Operating Procedure, N1-OP-19, Circulating Water System, was used for this operation and followed without exception.

However, Gate "C", the circulating water discharge gate to the discharge tunnel, failed to close completely. This gate is normally open, suspended over the discharge tunnel. The driving force for closing the gate is solely the weight of the gate. High flow forcing the gate against its guide is a possible cause of this failure:

As a result of this failure to close completely, small amounts of warm discharge water were allowed to mix with the cold intake water raising the temperature of the water at the inlet to the condenser. This, in turn, was heated in the condenser and discharged to the lake at a greater ΔT than allowed.

The following ΔT 's were recorded:



<u>TIME</u>	<u>LAKE T (°F)</u>	<u>DISCHARGE T (°F)</u>	<u>ΔT (°F)</u>
2300	32	97.0	65
2400	32	90.0	58
0100	32	82.8	50.8*
0200	32	82.5	50.5*
0300	32	83.9	51.9*
0400	32	83.8	51.8*
0500	32	84.6	52.6*

* Violation of E.T.S. 2.1.5

Flow was returned to normal at 0525 hours, on January 4, 1978.

This incident is considered to have minimal impact due to the short time of duration and the small ΔT's above specifications. The failure of gate "C" to close completely will be investigated during the next refueling outage.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Lempges
General Superintendent
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for R.R. Schneider
Vice President -
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