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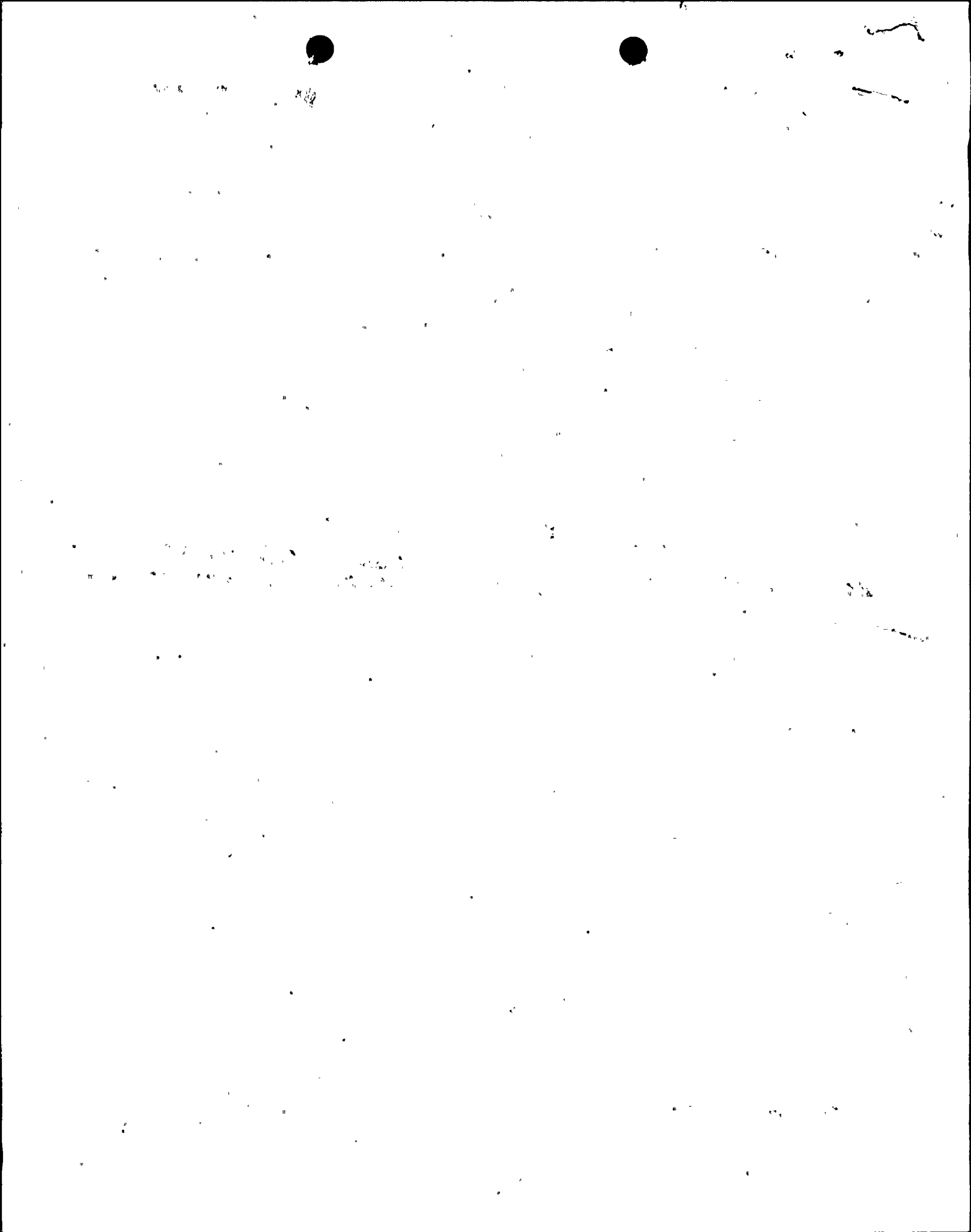
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March 7, 1978

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Attn: Mr. George Lear, Chief
 Operating Reactors/Branch #3
 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D. C. 20555



Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63

Dear Mr. Lear:

This letter is in response to your February 3, 1978 request for additional information concerning Niagara Mohawk's proposed Environmental Technical Specification changes for Nine Mile Point Unit 1. The enclosure to your letter requested clarification and justification for changes to the non-radiological aquatic surveillance program. Instead of answering directly each request in the enclosure, Niagara Mohawk will indicate where the information which provides the basis for the answers is contained.

The Reporting Requirements of Section 3.1.1a.(1) and Objective (5) of Section 3.1.2a.(1), of the current Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Environmental Technical Specifications, make reference to periodic review of the goals of the non-radiological abiotic and biotic aquatic programs. Niagara Mohawk believes that the requirements of Section 3.1.1a, and 3.1.2a have been met and that continuing the existing program is not required.

Niagara Mohawk notes that Section 6-1 of the Nine Mile Point 1 Final Environmental Statement states (Page 6-2):

"The general ecological survey will span at least a two (2)-year period, ending approximately in June, 1975."

Even with the delayed start-up of the James A. FitzPatrick Power Plant, this requirement to monitor the aquatic environment at Nine Mile Point has been satisfied. Aquatic surveillance program data has been collected, evaluated, summarized, and annually reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977.

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Mr. George Lear
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In reference to Request 1 through 6 and Request 8 of your letter, Niagara Mohawk believes that a basis and justification for each of the proposed Environmental Technical Specification changes has been adequately addressed in the annual reports mentioned above, and no further evaluation should be necessary.

In reference to Request 7 of your letter, fish impingement data has been addressed in the annual reports; such data satisfies the requirements of the Final Environmental Statement, and Nine Mile Point 1 Environmental Technical Specification Section 3.1.1a.(2). Additionally, a report entitled "Impingement Studies at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station," covering two and one-half years of study effort through December 1974, was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on April 30, 1975.

The enclosed 316(a) demonstration is provided for further justification for our request. This report supports the contention that Nine Mile Point Unit 1 has not adversely affected the aquatic community of Lake Ontario.

Niagara Mohawk is available to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the content of these reports and the 316(a) demonstration.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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Enclosure

