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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: April 22, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-61.

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Nine Mile Point, Unit 1 (DN 50-220)
Scriba, New York

Subject: TURBINE BUILDING FIRE

The licensee reported via "Hot Line" at 16:24 that a fire was detected in the Turbine Building at 15:55. The fire resulted from lube oil which had leaked from a main turbine shaft driven feedwater pump. The pump is located in the upper level of the Turbine Building. The plant fire brigade extinguished the fire using water, CO₂ and dry chemical. Unit Power was reduced from 100% to less than 50% to permit removal of the feedwater pump from service. The licensee called local fire companies. The Alcan and Scriba fire companies responded but were not needed to extinguish the fire. The fire was declared out and fire companies released at 16:45. Considerable smoke filled the Turbine Building. Routine fire procedures were followed by plant and administrative personnel.

Media interest has been expressed and additional interest is possible because of sensitivity to nuclear issues. The State of New York has been informed. A press release is planned by the licensee but not by the NRC at this time. Region I, PAO has responded to news media inquiries.

NRC, Region I (Philadelphia) received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone at 4:30 p.m. on April 21, 1980.

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