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RO INQUIRY REPORT NO. 50-220/72-03
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
NINE MILE POINT 1 - BWR
EQUIPMENT FAILURE - VIBRATION INDUCED DISASSEMBLY (PARTIAL)
OF A RELIEF VALVE

The subject inquiry report is forwarded for your information and possible action, since the problem may be generic.

We believe this problem is of safety concern because there is some doubt as to whether or not the valve would have operated in its degraded condition. The action taken by NMP to correct this problem is considered appropriate.

We plan to review this matter during the next site inspection. In addition, we plan to alert the other BWR facilities within Region I of the possible generic aspects of this problem. We will keep you informed as appropriate. The licensee will submit a written report (10 day) to RL.

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