

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-92-06

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information has been verified by the licensee.

Facility:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation	___ Notification of Unusual Event
Nine Mile Point 1	___ Alert
Syracuse, New York	___ Site Area Emergency
Docket No. 50-220	___ General Emergency
	<u>X</u> Not Applicable

Subject: TEMPORARY LOSS OF ULTIMATE HEAT SINK, AIT DISPATCHED

At approximately 8:30 a.m. on February 21, Nine Mile Point Unit One was completely isolated from its ultimate heat sink (Lake Ontario) for approximately two to three minutes, due to closure of the inlet gates, during plant maintenance activities. The plant was in cold shutdown at the time of the event, making preparations for a February 23 restart.

Plant management has agreed to keep the unit in cold shutdown pending NRC investigation of the event and concurrence for restart.

An Augmented Inspection Team, led by P. K. Eapen, was dispatched to the site and conducted an entrance meeting on the morning of February 23.

The NRC was notified about this event at 12:27 p.m. (EST) on February 21 by licensee emergency notification report (Reportable Event No. 22854). This PN is current as of 9:00 a.m., February 24.

Niagara Mohawk and the NRC have notified the media, and there is continuing media interest. The State of New York has been notified, and a State representative is observing team activities.

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