

**PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

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January 15, 1996  
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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Northeast District Office  
2110 E. Aurora Rd.  
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Re: Perry Nuclear Power Plant  
OEPA Permit No. 3IB00016DD

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Part III, Section 12.C of the Permit, this letter is serving as confirmation of a telephone report of an unauthorized discharge. The discharge is due to a leak in the plant cooling tower basin. The telephone report was made to the State Emergency Response Commission on 1/12/96.

1. The limitation which has been exceeded: Plant circulating water is discharging to the ground at a rate of approximately one gallon per minute through a leaking expansion joint on the cooling tower basin. This is not the normal flow path for the water from this system.
2. The extent of the exceedance: Approximately one gallon per minute of plant circulating water is leaking to the ground.
3. The cause of the exceedance: A leaking expansion joint on the cooling tower basin.
4. The period of exceedance: The leak was noted at approximately 2300 on 1/11/96 and is continuing.
5. If uncorrected, the anticipated time the exceedance is expected to continue: The leak cannot be repaired at this time due to safety concerns. The cooling tower basin will be emptied during a plant outage scheduled to begin January 27, 1996. The leak will be evaluated for repair at that time.

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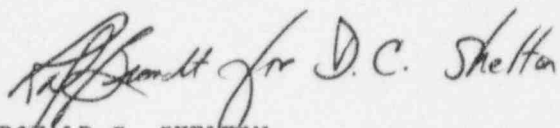
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6. Steps being taken to reduce, eliminate and/or prevent recurrence of the exceedance: The cooling tower basin will be emptied and inspected during an upcoming plant outage scheduled to begin January 27, 1996.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Louise Barton at (216) 280-5512.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. C. Shelton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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cc: NRC Project Manager  
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