

Date: May 27, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-92-25A

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

Facility:

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
 Nine Mile Point Unit 1
 Syracuse, New York
 Docket No. 50-220

Licensee Emergency Classification:

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: MID-CYCLE OUTAGE TO CORRECT CRACKS IN EMERGENCY CONDENSER VALVE BODIES (UPDATE ON PNO-I-92-25, dated May 20, 1992)

As of 8:00 a.m. (EDT) on May 27, 1992, the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 mode switch is in the refuel position, with reactor vessel disassembly underway. On May 26 NMPC decided to offload the reactor fuel to the spent fuel pool and install plugs in the applicable reactor recirculation suction line nozzles before beginning repairs to the unisolable portions of the emergency condenser valve bodies.

NMPC plans to begin the defueling as early as May 30. This will add approximately 16 days (eight to defuel and eight to refuel) to the current outage. The restart date will be pushed to the end of July. On May 19 NMPC decided to enter the outage to conduct repairs in accordance with ASME Section XI requirements.

Presently NMPC is preparing a detailed outage schedule. NMPC has received new manual isolation valves to replace the cracked valves and is trying to procure new check valves to meet their schedule. NRC resident inspectors are onsite monitoring outage and planning activities. This PN is current as of 9:00 a.m., May 27, 1992.

Region I Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries. The State of New York has been notified.

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