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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident Programs
Region I

FROM: Karl V. Seyfrit, Chief
Reactor Operations Analysis Branch
Office for Analysis and Evaluation
of Operational Data

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF NINE MILE POINT I LERS
FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 1982 TO APRIL 30, 1983.

The Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data has assessed the Licensee Event Reports (LERS) submitted under Docket No. 50-220 during the subject period. This has been done in support of the ongoing SALP review of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, with regard to their performance as licensee of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1. Our perspective would be indicative of that of a BWR system safety engineer who, although knowledgeable, is not intimately familiar with the detailed site - specific equipment arrangements and operations. Our review focused on the technical accuracy, completeness, and intelligibility of LERS. Our review covered a majority of the LERS submitted during the assessment period.

The majority of the LERS submitted were adequate in all important respects with few exceptions. The LERS typically provided clear description of the cause and nature of the events as well as adequate explanations of the effects on both system function and public safety. In some LERS supplemental information was provided in attachments to the LER forms. This enabled the LER reviewer to better understand the nature of the events encountered, thereby facilitating evaluation of safety significance of the event. In most cases the described corrective actions taken or planned by the licensee were considered to be commensurate with the nature, seriousness and frequency of the problems found.

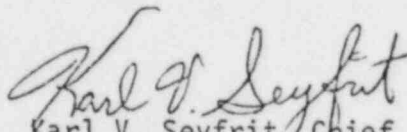
One of the unusual examples of a poorly written report was LER-82-19 (attached). The event description only provided failed valve numbers. Without reference to detailed design information, it was impossible to know the purpose of the valves involved. In addition the licensee did not describe what type of valves, purpose of the valves, and to which sub-system of the reactor system these valves were located. Our screening uncovered additional LERS with insufficient information (LER Nos. 82-15, 82-17, 82-18, 82-20, 82-21, 82-22, 82-23, 83-1). These LERS also did not provide adequate event descriptions or the probable consequences. Some of these inadequate LERS only provided valve numbers, without specifying the type of valves involved or where they were located in the plant. In addition, the licensee did not discuss the possible consequences of the valve failures. Other than those LERS mentioned above licensee provided adequate event description.

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In summary, our review of the licensee's LERs indicates that in most cases the licensee provided adequate description of the events. However, licensee did not provide adequate information on some of LERs as mentioned above.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or Sal Salah (492-4432) of my staff.



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RE: Docket No. 50-220
LERs 82-19, 82-20, 82-21, 82-22, 82-23

Dear Mr. Haynes

In accordance with Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1 Technical Specifications, we hereby submit the following Licensee Event Reports:

82-19, 82-20, which are being submitted in accordance with
82-21, 82-22, Section 6.9.2(b)4, Abnormal degradation of
82-23 systems designed to contain radioactive
material resulting from fission process.

This report was completed in the format designated in NUREG-0262,
dated July 1977.

Very truly yours

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