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Emergency Response Division
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with 40 CFR 302, Ohio Administrative Code, Section 3745-65-56, and Ohio Revised Code, Section 3750.06, this letter serves as confirmation of a telephone report of a reportable release of trichloroethylene. The report was made to the Ohio State Emergency Response Commission and the OEPA on 1/23/98 at 0418.

Per the Ohio Administrative Code the following information is provided.

1. Name, Address, and telephone number of the owner or operator:

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company
P.O. Box 97
Perry, Ohio 44081 (440) 259-3737

2. Name, address, and telephone number of the facility:

Perry Nuclear Power Plant
10 Center Rd.
Perry, Ohio 44081 (440) 280-5514

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3. Date, time and type of incident:

1/23/98, 0132 hours
A trichloroethylene leak due to a failed pressure indicating gauge.

4. Name and quantity of materials involved:

Trichloroethylene -120 gallons leaked into a building

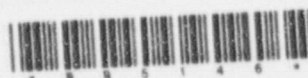
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5. The extent of injuries, if any:

None.

6. An assessment of actual or potential hazards to human health or the environment, where this is applicable:

None. The area was isolated and clean-up was performed by a qualified hazardous materials team.

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7. Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident:

Approximately 70 gallons were recovered and handled in accordance with the site Chemical Release Contingency Plan. Disposal will be in accordance with RCRA regulations. A licensed Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility will be utilized.

Per the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3750.06, the following information is provided.

1. Actions taken to respond to and contain the release:

The area containing the leak was isolated. Entry was made into the building by a two qualified technicians using SCBA in an attempt to isolate the leak. This was unsuccessful. An emergency response vendor was summoned to provide a qualified hazardous materials team for the purpose of entering the hot zone and cleaning up the spill. Approximately 120 gallons leaked of which 70 gallons were recovered. The remaining 50 gallons volatilized.

2. Any known or anticipated acute or chronic health risks associated with the release:

None.

3. Advice regarding medical attention necessary for individuals exposed to the substance released:

None.

4. A summary of all actions taken by the owner or operator to prevent a recurrence or the release:

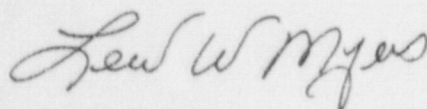
An investigation is underway to determine appropriate and permanent corrective actions necessary to prevent recurrence. The failed gauge has not been repaired or replaced at this time. The portion of the system where the trichloroethylene escaped has been isolated by valve closure.

5. Such other information as is required by rules adopted under division (B)(1)(f) of Section 3750.02 of the Revised Code.

None.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Donna Tizzano at (440) 280-5514.

Very truly yours,



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cc: NRC Region III
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NRC Document Desk (Docket No. 50-440)