

Niagara Mohawk

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63

Subject: Special Report

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Technical Specification Table 3.6.11-1, "Accident Monitoring Instrumentation," Action Statement 4.a, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is submitting the following special report concerning the inoperability of the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System.

Description of Event

On October 16, 1999, at 1628, while operators were commencing control rod withdrawal with the reactor mode switch in the "STARTUP" position, the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was out of service. The system was removed from service on October 10, 1999 to perform corrective maintenance. Technical Specification 3.6.11 requires the system to be operable with the reactor mode switch in the "STARTUP" or "RUN" position and either the reactor is critical or criticality is possible due to control rod withdrawal. Once plant startup commenced, the operators entered the appropriate Technical Specification action statement.

The #12 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System was in service during startup from the outage, and remains in service.

Cause of Event

The cause of the event is unknown and troubleshooting is ongoing.

Corrective Action

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is currently troubleshooting the #11 Containment Hydrogen Monitoring System. A supplement to this report will be submitted when the system has been returned to service and the cause of the event has been determined.

Very truly yours,



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