

# Niagara Mohawk

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
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RE:	Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Docket No. 50-220 <u>DPR-63</u>	Nine Mile Point Unit 2 Docket No. 50-410 <u>NPF-69</u>
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**Subject:** *Report on the Status of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System*

Gentlemen:

This report is being submitted to keep the Commission's staff informed of Nine Mile Point State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit violations. The site's permit is applicable to both Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Pursuant to the requirements of the facility's SPDES Permit General Condition (Part II), the discharge of any pollutant not identified or authorized shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of the permit.

On September 20, 1999, it was discovered that water leaking from a pump used to transfer waste shower water to the Sewage Treatment Plant (Outfall 030) had entered the equipment and floor drainage system (Outfall 007) at Unit 1. This constituted an unpermitted discharge as defined in the General Conditions Section of the SPDES Permit. Immediate corrective actions were taken to prevent additional discharge of waste shower water to Outfall 007 by placing absorbent material around the pump base. The transfer pump seals were adjusted on September 20, 1999. No water leakage has been observed during daily checks following the September 20, 1999 repair. Observation of the leakage on September 20th indicated a leak rate of approximately one gallon per day. Subsequently, it was determined that the leak had occurred for approximately two weeks prior to discovery. To ensure compliance with Outfall 007 monitoring requirements, samples were collected and analyzed. None of the tested parameters exceeded the SPDES Permit limitations for Outfall 007. The event was orally reported to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 7 Water Engineer on September 20, 1999 and reported in the September 1999 Discharge Monitoring Report to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

In the event there are questions concerning this unpermitted discharge, please contact Ms. Janet Marsden at (315)349-4200.

Very truly yours,



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