

CONTACT REPORT

Phone Call

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Company/Agency: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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Persons attending: David Weeks, Chuck Nieder

Date: 4/26/12

Reason: Determine if Mr. Nieder was aware of other instances of waterfowl being drawn into power plant cooling water intakes and becoming entrained or impinged in the cooling system.

SUMMARY:

- Mr. Nieder studies and assists with regulating water withdrawals for the purpose of power generation in New York State
- Nieder stated that the 2000 incident at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Station was the only such incident involving waterfowl of which he was aware.
- Modern water intake screens are being made of materials that discourage quagga and zebra mussels from building up on the screens.

ACTIONS: Note in the Fermi 3 EIS that it is very uncommon for waterfowl to become entrained or impinged at cooling water intakes for electric power plants.