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May 8, 1996

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is conducting an investigation regarding the implementation of its Fitness for Duty program at Nine Mile Point. The results of this investigation will help Niagara Mohawk assess the effectiveness of our activities at Nine Mile Point and make improvements if necessary.

The investigation is being conducted by a task force comprised of Niagara Mohawk personnel and Niagara Mohawk outside counsel. On behalf of Niagara Mohawk, I request all persons contacted by the task force to cooperate with the investigation.

Based upon the information gathered from interviewees, documents, and other sources, a report will be made to Niagara Mohawk senior management concerning the issues under investigation.

Providing safe, reliable and efficient service to the public often requires a candid review of our operations. Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Martin J. McCormick Jr.  
Vice President  
Nuclear Safety Assessment & Support

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----- EVENT NOTIFICATION: 30558 -----

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FACILITY: NINE MILE POINT  
 UNIT NUMBERS: 1 2  
 REGION: 1  
 DOCKET NUMBERS: 050-00220 050-00410  
 LICENSE TYPE: Operating License - full power  
 STATE: NY  
 EMERGENCY: N/A Not applicable  
 LICENSE NUMBER: DPR 063  
 LICENSEE: NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORP.

EVENT DATE: 05/29/1996  
 EVENT TIME: 11:00 EDT  
 NOTIFY DATE: 05/29/1996  
 NOTIFY TIME: 12:59  
 CALLER: BOISMENU  
 OPS OFFICER: CHAUNCEY GOULD  
 NOTIFIED:  
 RDO DANIEL HOLODY

REPORT REQUIRED BY:  
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Sale, use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol

DOCKET NO	UNT	CD	SCRAM	RX	INIT	CRITL	PWR	INIT RX MODE	PWR	CURR	CURR RX MODE
050-00220	1	N		Y	100			Power operation	100		Power operation
050-00410	2	N		Y	89			Power operation	89		Power operation

# DESCRIPTION

THE LICENSEE DISCOVERED THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN INTENTIONALLY REMOVED FROM THEIR FITNESS FOR DUTY RANDOM SELECTION POOL.

THIS WAS DETECTED DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF THEIR FITNESS FOR DUTY RANDOM SOFTWARE SELECTION PROCESS. IT APPEARS THAT TWO COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS SUBVERTED THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS, ONE OF WHICH HAD UNESCORTED ACCESS. MOST OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS REMOVED FROM THE RANDOM SELECTION POOL WERE UNAWARE OF THIS FACT AND APPEAR NOT TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. AS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS NOT INVOLVED, THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF RANDOM TESTING WAS NOT AFFECTED. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WAS TESTED FOR CAUSE AND TESTED POSITIVE FOR DRUGS. THE LICENSEE HAS TERMINATED THE EMPLOYMENT OF ONE INDIVIDUAL AND SUSPENDED THE SECOND PENDING A FULL INVESTIGATION.

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*From the desk of Marty McCormick*

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May 8, 1996

TO: FFD Task Force


SUBJECT: Attached Notice to Security Managers @ Nuclear Facilities

The attached notice was sent to the Security Managers of all U.S. Nuclear facilities through the NEI Network for Security matters, as arranged today by Howard Christensen.

The wording and method of distribution is the result of direct communication with Rick Keimig of the NRC, Mark Wetterhahn, Denise Wolniak, and myself.

If necessary, further discussion with the NRC on the Task Force Charter, etc., will be held on Friday 5/10/96 prior to conduct of other business in King of Prussia on that date. I'll keep you all informed of any developments.

*M. J. McCormick*



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It is suggested that all licensees verify the integrity of their respective FFD random selection computer process, after ensuring appropriate controls are in place isolating access to their software programs.