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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Northeast District Office
Emergency Response Division
2110 E. Aurora Rd.
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

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 sodium hypochlorite. The report was made to the Ohio State Emergency Response Commission and the OEPA on 3/20/99 at 14:30.

Per the Ohio Administrative Code the following information is provided.

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

First Energy Nuclear Operating 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

3. Date, time and type of incident:

3/20/99, 11:24 a.m.
Approximately 4000 gallons of an aqueous solution containing 12.5% sodium hypochlorite leaked from a tank to a concrete containment.

4. Name and quantity of materials involved:

sodium hypochlorite - Approximately 500 gallons leaked to a concrete secondary containment.

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 material was entirely contained in the secondary containment structure designed to contain the tank contents.

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

500 gallons of sodium hypochlorite in 4000 gallons of aqueous solution was recovered and pumped to containers. The material will be used as intended in the plant service water system.

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

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

The leak was entirely contained in the concrete structure surrounding the tank. The spilled material was pumped from the containment structure to containers.

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 of the release:

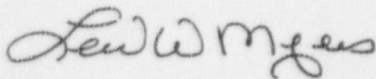
An investigation is underway to determine appropriate and permanent corrective actions necessary to prevent recurrence. The failed supply line has not been repaired or replaced at this time. The tank will not be refilled until the supply line has been repaired.

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 Ms. Donna Tizzano at (440) 280-5514.

Very Truly Yours,



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cc: NRC Region III
NRC Resident Inspector
NRC Project Manager
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