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When was Weir Canada's investigation into the alignment issue with the turbine shaft at the Rocky Pond plant completed?

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A. The investigation by Weir Canada was completed on November 14, 2009. Although certain measures recommended to correct the alignment issue were immediately undertaken, the misalignment continued to exceed normal tolerances. However, in consideration of the impending winter availability requirement, Newfoundland Power chose to return the unit to service.

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The unit has continued in service in the intervening period. However, accelerated wear of the turbine bearing, journal surface and runner seals have recently become evident. In order to prevent further damage and avoid the possibility of a future extended plant outage, it is now necessary to remove the turbine shaft and have the alignment issue corrected.

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The journal is the part of the shaft that is in contact with the bearing surface.