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MEMORANDUM TO: File Center

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1 - FACSIMILE
TRANSMISSION, ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE
LICENSEE REGARDING REVISION 16 OF THE FINAL SAFETY
ANALYSIS REPORT (FSAR) (UPDATED) (TAC NO. MA8369)

REFERENCE: LETTERS, R. A. ABBOTT TO NRC, NOVEMBER 5, 1999

By letter dated November 5, 1999, the licensee, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), submitted Revision 16 to the Final Safety Analysis Report (Updated) in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e). I reviewed the submittal and developed comments.

This purpose of this memorandum is to record questions/comments contained in an e-mail (indented text below) to the licensee. The questions/comments do not currently state an NRC staff position nor do they represent a formal request for additional information (RAI). After reviewing the contents of the e-mail, the licensee may request to discuss them in a meeting or telephone conference; the formal disposition of these draft questions will be discussed then.

10 CFR 50.59 specifies a change to involve "no unreviewed safety question" to be one which has answers of "no" to all 3 questions; the "Safety Evaluation Summary Report, 1999" (Enclosure B to the November 5, 1999, letter) gives no indication that the licensee went thru such process.

Page VII-8. This is a new paragraph about containment spray -- what prompted this information? Was there a design change?

Page VIII-4. Control room ventilation is shown as being initiated by five possible ways, whereas Technical Specifications Table 3.6.21 has only four ways. Operating License Amendment 161 (TAC No. MA1653) was issued to delete high radiation as an initiator. Please look into this apparent discrepancy.

Page X-30. In the previous version (Rev. 14), the temperature specified for normal full core offload refueling was <125 °F. Rev. 16 changed the temperature to <140 °F. Did the NRC approve this change, or was this done under 10 CFR 50.59? Rev. 14 referenced Amendment 54, but Rev. 16 does not reference any amendment. Could the "committed to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission" phrase refer to Amendment 167?

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