



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket No. 50-220

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION UNIT NO. 1
(TAC NO. M86522)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 144 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit No. 1 (NMP-1). The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) in response to your application transmitted by letter dated May 26, 1993.

The amendment revises TSs 6.8.2 and 6.8.3c to require approval of plant procedures and administrative policies (and changes thereto) by the Branch Manager for the functional area of the procedure rather than requiring approval of these procedures and administrative policies by the Plant Manager.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is enclosed. A Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next regular biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald S. Brinkman".

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 144 to DPR-63
2. Safety Evaluation

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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 50-220

NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 144
License No. DPR-63

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) dated May 26, 1993, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No.144, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance to be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Robert A. Capra, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: August 9, 1993

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 144 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-63

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Revise Appendix A as follows:

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6.6 Reportable Occurrence Action

6.6.1 The following actions shall be taken for REPORTABLE EVENTS:

- a.** The Commission shall be notified and a report submitted pursuant to the requirements of Sections 50.72 and 50.73 to 10 CFR Part 50, and
- b.** Each REPORTABLE EVENT shall be reviewed by the SORC and the results of this review submitted to the SRAB and the Vice President - Nuclear Generation.

6.7 Safety Limit Violation

6.7.1 The following actions shall be taken in the event a Safety Limit is violated:

- a.** The provisions of 10 CFR 50.36(c)(1)(i) shall be complied with immediately.
- b.** The NRC Operations Center shall be notified by telephone as soon as possible and in all cases within 1 hour. The Vice President - Nuclear Generation and the SRAB shall be notified within 24 hours.
- c.** A Safety Limit Violation Report shall be prepared. The report shall be reviewed by the SORC. This report shall describe (1) applicable circumstances preceding the violation, (2) effects of the violation upon facility components, systems or structures, and (3) corrective action taken to prevent recurrence.
- d.** The Safety Limit Violation Report shall be submitted to the Commission, within 30 days of the violation, and to the SRAB, and the Vice President - Nuclear Generation within 14 days.

6.8 Procedures

6.8.1 Written procedures and administrative policies shall be established, implemented and maintained that meet or exceed the requirements and recommendations of Sections 5.1 and 5.3 of ANSI N18.7-1972 and Appendix "A" of USAEC Regulatory Guide 1.33 except as provided in 6.8.2 and 6.8.3 below.

- a.** Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained for activities involving the Fire Protection Program implementation.

6.8.2 Each procedure and administrative policy of 6.8.1 above, and changes thereto, shall be reviewed and approved prior to implementation by the branch manager for the functional area of the procedure or higher levels of management as governed by administrative procedures. Each procedure and administrative policy of 6.8.1 above shall be reviewed periodically as set forth in administrative procedures.

6.8.3 Temporary changes to procedures of 6.8.1 above may be made provided:

- a. The intent of the original procedure is not altered.
- b. The change is approved by two members of the plant management staff, at least one of whom holds a Senior Reactor Operator's License on the unit affected.
- c. The change is documented, reviewed and approved within 14 days of implementation by the branch manager for the functional area of the procedure or higher levels of management as governed by administrative procedures.

6.9 Reporting Requirements

In addition to the applicable reporting requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, the following identified reports shall be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4.

6.9.1 Routine Reports

- a. **Startup Report.** A summary report of plant startup and power escalation testing shall be submitted following (1) receipt of an operating license, (2) amendment to the license involving a planned increase power level, (3) installation of fuel that has a different design or has been manufactured by a different fuel supplier, and (4) modifications that may have significantly altered the nuclear, thermal, or hydraulic performance of the plant. The report shall address each of the tests identified in the FSAR and shall in general include a description of the measured values of the operating conditions or characteristics obtained during the test program and a comparison of these values with design predictions and specifications. Any corrective actions that were required to obtain satisfactory operation shall also be described. Any additional specific details required in license conditions based on other commitments shall be included in this report.

Startup reports shall be submitted within (1) 90 days following completion of the startup test program, (2) 90 days following resumption or commencement of commercial power operation, or (3) 9 months following initial criticality, whichever is earliest. If the Startup Report does not cover all three events (i.e., initial criticality, completion of startup test program, and resumption or commencement of commercial power operation), supplementary reports shall be submitted at least every three months until all three events have been completed.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 144 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-63
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION UNIT NO. 1
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated May 26, 1993, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit No. 1 (NMP-1), Technical Specifications (TSs). The requested changes would revise TSs 6.8.2 and 6.8.3c to require approval of plant procedures (and changes thereto) by the Branch Manager for the functional area of the procedure rather than requiring approval of these procedures by the Plant Manager.

2.0 EVALUATION

NMP-1 TS 6.8.2 currently requires that each procedure of TS 6.8.1 and changes thereto be approved by the Plant Manager prior to implementation. The proposed change would revise TS 6.8.2 to require that these procedures and changes thereto be approved prior to implementation by the Branch Manager (or by higher management) for the functional area of the procedure.

NMP-1 TS 6.8.3c currently requires that temporary changes to procedures be approved by the Plant Manager within 14 days of implementation. The proposed change would revise TS 6.8.3c to require that temporary changes to procedures be approved within 14 days of implementation by the Branch Manager (or by higher levels of management) for the functional area of the procedure.

Sections 13.5.1 "Administration Procedures" and 13.5.2 "Operating and Maintenance Procedures" of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan" provide review procedures and criteria for NRC staff review of operating licenses. The results of the NRC staff's review of the NMP-1 application for conversion from a provisional operating license to a full-term operating license were documented in its Safety Evaluation Report for the Conversion From Provisional Operating License to Full-Term Operating License dated July 3, 1974. None of these documents require plant procedures be approved by the Plant Manager. These documents do require preparation and review of plant procedures by qualified personnel. Such requirements are specified in NMP-1 TS 6.5.2 which

is not being changed. The proposed changes allow and require the person most familiar with the procedure to approve it. The proposed changes also relieve the Plant Manager from the administrative responsibility of approving all plant procedures and thereby permits the Plant Manager to better focus his attention on major safety issues. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed changes acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the New York State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment relates to changes in administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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