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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS FOR NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION,
UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M93953 AND M93954)

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

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The amendments revise portions of Chapter 6 of the TSs to reflect management position title, responsibility and reporting changes.

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,

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Gordon E. Edison, Senior Project Manager
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Docket Nos. 50-220
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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. 157
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 October 25, 1995, 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 1;
 - 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:

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(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 157, 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 60 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Ledyard B. Marsh, Director
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 157 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-63

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6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

6.1 Responsibility

- 6.1.1 The Plant Manager shall be responsible for overall unit operation and shall delegate in writing the succession to this responsibility during his absence.
- 6.1.2 The Station Shift Supervisor - Nuclear (or during his absence from the control room, a designated individual) shall be responsible for the control room command function. A management directive to this effect, signed by the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear shall be re-issued to station personnel on an annual basis.

6.2 Organization

Onsite and Offsite Organization

- 6.2.1 An onsite and an offsite organization shall be established for unit operation and corporate management. The onsite and offsite organization shall include the position for activities affecting the safety of the nuclear power plant.
 - a. Lines of authority, responsibility and communication shall be established and defined from the highest management levels through intermediate levels to and including all operating organization positions. Those relationships shall be documented and updated, as appropriate, in the form of organization charts, functional descriptions of departmental responsibilities and relationships, and job descriptions for key personnel positions or in equivalent forms of documentation. The organization charts shall be documented in the Final Safety Analysis Report, and the functional descriptions of departmental responsibilities and relationships and job descriptions for key personnel positions are documented in procedures.
 - b. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear shall have corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear shall take any measures needed to assure acceptable performance of the staff in operating, maintaining, and providing technical support in the plant so that continued nuclear safety is assured. In addition, the Chief Nuclear Officer provides oversight of the Nuclear Division through the direct reporting structure of the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the independent direct reporting structure of the Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support organization.
 - c. The Plant Manager shall have responsibility for overall unit operation and shall have control over those resources necessary for safe operation and maintenance of the plant.

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h. Administrative procedures shall be developed and implemented to limit the working hours of facility staff who perform safety-related functions; e.g., licensed Senior Operators, licensed Operators, health physicists, auxiliary operators and key maintenance personnel.

Adequate shift coverage shall be maintained without routine heavy use of overtime. The objective shall be to have operating personnel work a normal 8-hour day, 40-hour week while the facility is operating. However, in the event that unforeseen problems require substantial amounts of overtime to be used, or during extended periods of shutdown for refueling, major maintenance or major plant modifications on a temporary basis, the following guidelines shall be followed:

- 1) An individual should not be permitted to work more than 16 hours straight (excluding shift turnover time).
- 2) An individual should not be permitted to work more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period, nor more than 24 hours in any 48-hour period, nor more than 72 hours in any 7 day period (all excluding shift turnover time).
- 3) A break of at least 8-hours should be allowed between work periods (including shift turnover time).
- 4) Except during extended shutdown periods, the use of overtime should be considered on an individual basis and not for the entire staff on a shift.

Any deviation from the above guidelines shall be authorized by the Plant Manager, or higher levels of management, in accordance with established procedures and with documentation of the basis for granting the deviation. Controls shall be included in the procedures such that individual overtime shall be reviewed monthly by the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear or designee to assure that excessive hours have not been assigned. Routine deviation from the above guidelines is not authorized.

i. The General Supervisor Operations, Supervisor Operations, Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear and Assistant Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear shall hold senior reactor operator licenses.

Alternates

- 6.5.1.3 All alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the SORC Chairman or Vice-Chairman to serve on a temporary basis; however, no more than two alternates shall participate as voting members in SORC activities at any one time.

Meeting Frequency

- 6.5.1.4 The SORC shall meet at least once per calendar month and as convened by the SORC Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or a designated alternate.

Quorum

- 6.5.1.5 The quorum of the SORC necessary for the performance of the SORC responsibility and authority provisions of these Technical Specifications shall consist of the Chairman, or a Vice-Chairman, and four members, including alternates.

Responsibilities

- 6.5.1.6 The SORC shall be responsible for:
- a. Review of all REPORTABLE EVENTS.
 - b. Review of unit operations to detect potential safety hazards.
 - c. Performance of special reviews, investigations or analyses and reports thereon as requested by the Plant Manager or the Safety Review and Audit Board.
 - d. Investigation of violations of the Technical Specifications and shall prepare and forward a report covering evaluation and recommendations to prevent recurrence to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Safety Review and Audit Board.

Authority

6.5.1.7 The SORC shall:

- a. Render determinations in writing with regard to whether or not each item considered under 6.5.1.6 (a) through (d) above constitutes an unreviewed safety question.
- b. Provide written notification within 24 hours to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the Safety Review and Audit Board of disagreement between the SORC and the Plant Manager; however, the Plant Manager shall have the responsibility for resolution of such disagreements pursuant to 6.1.1 above.

Records

6.5.1.8 The SORC shall maintain written minutes of each meeting and copies shall be provided to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the Safety Review and Audit Board.

6.5.2 Technical Review and Control

Activities

- 6.5.2.1 Each procedure and program required by Specification 6.8 and other procedures which affect nuclear safety, and changes thereto, shall be prepared by a qualified individual/organization. Each such procedure, and changes thereto, shall be reviewed by an individual/group other than the individual/group which prepared the procedure, or changes thereto, but who may be from the same organization as the individual/group which prepared the procedure, or changes thereto. Approval of procedures and programs and changes thereto and their safety evaluations, shall be controlled by administrative procedures.
- 6.5.2.2 Proposed changes to the Technical Specifications shall be prepared by a qualified individual/organization. The preparation of each proposed Technical Specifications change shall be reviewed by an individual/group other than the individual/group which prepared the proposed change, but who may be from the same organization as the individual/group which prepared the proposed change. Proposed changes to the Technical Specifications shall be approved by the Plant Manager.

- 6.5.2.3 Proposed modifications to unit structures, systems and components that affect nuclear safety shall be designed by a qualified individual/organization. Each such modification shall be reviewed by an individual/group other than the individual/group which designed the modification, but who may be from the same organization as the individual/group which designed the modification. Proposed modifications to structures, systems and components and the safety evaluations shall be approved prior to implementation by the Plant Manager; or the Manager Technical Support as previously designated by the Plant Manager.
- 6.5.2.4 Individuals responsible for reviews performed in accordance with Specifications 6.5.2.1, 6.5.2.2 and 6.5.2.3 shall be members of the station supervisory staff, previously designated by the Plant Manager to perform such reviews. Each such review shall include a determination of whether or not additional, cross-disciplinary, review is necessary. If deemed necessary such review shall be performed by the appropriate designated station review personnel.
- 6.5.2.5 Proposed tests and experiments which affect station nuclear safety and are not addressed in the FSAR or Technical Specifications and their safety evaluations shall be reviewed by the Plant Manager, or the Manager Technical Support as previously designated by the Plant Manager.
- 6.5.2.6 The Plant Manager shall assure the performance of special reviews and investigations, and the preparation and submittal of reports thereon, as requested by the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear.
- 6.5.2.7 The facility security program, and implementing procedures, shall be reviewed at least every 12 months. Recommended changes shall be approved by the Plant Manager and transmitted to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Chairman of the Safety Review and Audit Board.
- 6.5.2.8 The facility emergency plan, and implementing procedures shall be reviewed at least every 12 months. Recommended changes shall be approved by the Plant Manager and transmitted to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Chairman of the Safety Review and Audit Board.

- 6.5.2.9 The Plant Manager shall assure the performance of a review by a qualified individual/organization of changes to the Radiological Waste Treatment systems.
- 6.5.2.10 Review of any accidental, unplanned, or uncontrolled radioactive release including the preparation of reports covering evaluation, recommendations and disposition of the corrective action to prevent recurrence and the forwarding of these reports to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Safety Review and Audit Board.
- 6.5.2.11 Review of changes to the Process Control Program and the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual. Approval of any changes shall be made by the Plant Manager or his designee before implementation of such changes.
- 6.5.2.12 Reports documenting each of the activities performed under Specifications 6.5.2.1 through 6.5.2.9 shall be maintained. Copies shall be provided to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the Safety Review and Audit Board.
- 6.5.2.13 The Plant Manager shall assure the performance of a review by a qualified individual/organization of the Fire Protection Program and implementing procedures at least every 12 months and submittal of recommended changes to the Safety Review and Audit Board.

6.5.3 Safety Review and Audit Board (SRAB)

Function

- 6.5.3.1 The Safety Review and Audit Board shall function to provide independent review and audit of designated activities in the areas of:
- a. nuclear power plant operations
 - b. nuclear engineering
 - c. chemistry and radiochemistry
 - d. metallurgy
 - e. instrumentation and control
 - f. radiological safety
 - g. mechanical and electrical engineering
 - h. quality assurance practices
 - i. (other appropriate fields associated with the unique characteristics of the nuclear power plant)

Audits

- 6.5.3.8 Audits of facility activities shall be performed under the cognizance of the SRAB. These audits shall encompass:**
- a. The conformance of facility operation to all provisions contained within the Technical Specifications and applicable license conditions at least once per year.**
 - b. The performance, training and qualifications of the entire facility staff at least once per year.**
 - c. The results of actions taken to correct deficiencies occurring in facility equipment, structures, systems or method of operation that affect nuclear safety at least once per six months.**
 - d. The performance of all activities required by the Quality Assurance Program to meet the criteria of Appendix "B", 10CFR50, at least once per two years.**
 - e. The Facility Emergency Plan and implementing procedures at least once every 12 months.**
 - f. The Facility Security Plan and implementing procedures at least once every 12 months.**
 - g. The Facility Fire Protection Program and implementing procedures at least once per two years.**
 - h. Any other area of facility operation considered appropriate by the SRAB or the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear.**
 - i. The radiological environmental monitoring program and the results thereof at least once per 12 months.**
 - j. The Offsite Dose Calculation Manual and implementing procedures at least once per 24 months.**
 - k. The Process Control Program and implementing procedures for processing and packaging of radioactive wastes at least once per 24 months.**

Authority

6.5.3.9 The SRAB shall report to and advise the Chief Nuclear Officer on those areas of responsibility specified in Section 6.5.3.7 and 6.5.3.8.

Records

6.5.3.10 Records of SRAB activities shall be prepared, approved and distributed as indicated below:

- a. Minutes of each SRAB meeting shall be prepared, approved and forwarded to the Chief Nuclear Officer within 30 days following each meeting.
- b. Reports of reviews encompassed by Section 6.5.3.7 e,f,g and h above, shall be prepared, approved and forwarded to the Chief Nuclear Officer within 14 days following completion of the review.
- c. Audit reports encompassed by Section 6.5.3.8 above, shall be forwarded to the Chief Nuclear Officer within 90 days following completion of the review.

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 and General Manager - Nuclear.

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 and General Manager - Nuclear 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 and General Manager - Nuclear 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.



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NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 71
License No. NPF-69

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) dated October 25, 1995, as supplemented February 7, 1996, 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 1;
 - 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. NPF-69 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto, as revised through Amendment No. 71 are hereby incorporated into this license. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance to be implemented within 60 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

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6.1.2 The Station Shift Supervisor - Nuclear (or during the Supervisor's absence from the control room, a designated individual) shall be responsible for the control room command function. A management directive to this effect, signed by the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear shall be reissued to all station personnel annually.

6.2 ORGANIZATION

6.2.1 Onsite and Offsite Organization

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- a. Lines of authority, responsibility and communication shall be established and defined from the highest management levels through intermediate levels to and including all operating organization positions. Those relationships shall be documented and updated, as appropriate, in the form of organization charts, functional descriptions of departmental responsibilities and relationships, and job descriptions for key personnel positions or in equivalent forms of documentation. The organization charts shall be documented in the Final Safety Analysis Report, and the functional descriptions of departmental responsibilities and relationships and job descriptions for key personnel positions are documented in procedures.
- b. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear shall have corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear shall take any measures needed to assure acceptable performance of the staff in operating, maintaining, and providing technical support in the plant so that continued nuclear safety is assured. In addition, the Chief Nuclear Officer provides oversight of the Nuclear Division through the direct reporting structure of the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the independent direct reporting structure of the Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support organization.
- c. The Plant Manager shall have responsibility for overall unit operation and shall have control over those resources necessary for safe operation and maintenance of the plant.
- d. The persons responsible for the training, health physics and quality assurance functions may report to an appropriate manager onsite, but shall have direct access to responsible corporate management at a level where action appropriate to the mitigation of training, health physics and quality assurance concerns can be accomplished.

UNIT STAFF

6.2.2 The unit organization shall be subject to the following:

- a. Each on-duty shift shall be composed of at least the minimum shift crew shown in Table 6.2.2-1;

ORGANIZATION

UNIT STAFF

6.2.2.i (Continued)

4. Except during extended shutdown periods, the use of overtime should be considered on an individual basis and not for the entire staff on a shift.

Any deviation from the above guidelines shall be authorized by the Plant Manager, or higher levels of management, in accordance with established procedures and with documentation of the basis for granting the deviation. Controls shall be included in the procedures so that individual overtime shall be reviewed monthly by the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear or a designee to assure that excessive hours have not been assigned. Routine deviation from the above guidelines is not authorized.

- j. The General Supervisor Operations, Supervisor Operations, Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear and Assistant Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear shall hold senior reactor operator licenses.

6.2.3 INDEPENDENT SAFETY ENGINEERING GROUP

FUNCTION

6.2.3.1 The Independent Safety Engineering Group (ISEG) shall function to examine unit operating characteristics, NRC issuances, industry advisories, Licensee Event Reports, and other sources of unit design and operating experience information, including units of similar design, which may indicate areas for improving unit safety. The ISEG shall make detailed recommendations for revised procedures, equipment modifications, maintenance activities, operations activities, or other means of improving unit safety to the Vice President - Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support.

COMPOSITION

6.2.3.2 The ISEG shall be composed of at least five, dedicated, full-time engineers located on site. Each shall have a bachelor's degree in engineering or related science and at least 2 years of professional level experience in his/her field, at least 1 year of which experience shall be in the nuclear field.

RESPONSIBILITIES

6.2.3.3 The principal function of the ISEG is to examine plant operating characteristics and the various NRC and industry licensing and service advisories, and to recommend areas for improving plant operations or safety. The ISEG will perform independent review of plant activities, including maintenance, modifications, operational concerns, and analysis and make recommendations to the Vice President - Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

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RECORDS

6.2.3.4 Records of activities performed by the ISEG shall be prepared, maintained, and forwarded each calendar month to the Vice President - Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support.

6.2.4 SHIFT TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Normally, the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) shall be a dedicated position. If, however, a dedicated STA cannot be provided on a shift, then the Assistant Station Shift Supervisor (ASSS) shall function in a dual role (SRO/STA) and assume the duties of the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) when the Emergency Plan is activated in OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS 1, 2 or 3. The STA shall provide advisory technical support to the Shift Supervisor in the areas of thermal hydraulics, reactor engineering, and plant analysis with regard to safe operation of the unit. The STA (and the ASSS, when fulfilling the role of the STA) shall have a bachelor's degree in a physical science, engineering, or a Professional Engineer's license issued by examination, and shall have received specific training in the response and analysis of the unit for transients and accidents, and in unit design and layout, including the capabilities of instrumentation and controls in the control room.

6.3 FACILITY STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Each member of the unit staff shall meet or exceed the minimum qualifications of ANSI/ANS 3.1-1978 for comparable positions, except for the Manager Radiation Protection who shall meet or exceed the qualifications of Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975.

6.4 TRAINING

A retraining and replacement training program for the unit staff shall be maintained under the direction of the Manager Training, shall meet or exceed the requirements and recommendations of Section 5.5 of ANSI/ANS 3.1-1978 and 10 CFR 55, and shall include familiarization with relevant industry operational experience. A training program for the Fire Brigade shall be maintained under the direction of the Manager Training and the Supervisor - Fire Protection Nuclear and shall meet or exceed the requirements of Appendix R to 10 CFR 50.

6.5 REVIEW AND AUDIT

6.5.1 STATION OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

FUNCTION

6.5.1.1 The Station Operations Review Committee (SORC) shall function to advise the Plant Manager on all matters related to nuclear safety.

COMPOSITION

6.5.1.2 The SORC shall be composed of the

Chairman:	Plant Manager
Vice-Chairman/Member:	Manager Operations
Vice-Chairman/Member:	Manager Technical Support
Member:	Manager QA Operations
Member:	Manager Maintenance
Member:	Manager Chemistry
Member:	Manager Radiation Protection

ALTERNATES

6.5.1.3 All alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the SORC Chairman or Vice-Chairman to serve on a temporary basis; however, no more than two alternates shall participate as voting members in SORC activities at any one time.

MEETING FREQUENCY

6.5.1.4 The SORC shall meet at least once every calendar month and as convened by the SORC Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or a designated alternate.

QUORUM

6.5.1.5 The quorum of the SORC necessary for the performance of the SORC responsibility and authority provisions of these Technical Specifications shall consist of the Chairman, or a Vice-Chairman and four members including alternates.

RESPONSIBILITIES

6.5.1.6 The SORC shall be responsible for:

- a. Investigation of all violations of the Technical Specifications, including the preparation and forwarding of reports covering evaluation and recommendations to prevent recurrence, to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Safety Review and Audit Board;

6.5 REVIEW AND AUDIT

6.5.1 STATION OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

6.5.1.6 (Continued)

- b. Review of all REPORTABLE EVENTS;
- c. Review of unit operations to detect potential hazards to nuclear safety;
- d. Performance of special reviews, investigations, or analyses and reports thereon as requested by the Plant Manager or the Safety Review and Audit Board;
- e. Safety evaluations and analyses resulting from technical review and control activities 6.5.2.1, 6.5.2.2, 6.5.2.3, and 6.5.2.5.

DUTIES

6.5.1.7 The SORC shall:

- a. Render determinations in writing with regard to whether or not each item considered under Specification 6.5.1.6.a through e constitutes an unreviewed safety question.
- b. Provide written notification within 24 hours to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the Safety Review and Audit Board of disagreement between the SORC and the Plant Manager; however, the Plant Manager shall have responsibility for resolution of such disagreements pursuant to Specification 6.1.1.

RECORDS

6.5.1.8 The SORC shall maintain written minutes of each SORC meeting that at a minimum, document the result of all SORC activities performed under the responsibilities and authority provisions of these Technical Specifications. Copies shall be provided to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the Safety Review and Audit Board.

6.5.2 TECHNICAL REVIEW AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES

6.5.2.1 Each procedure and program required by Specification 6.8 and other procedures that affect nuclear safety, and changes thereto, shall be prepared by a qualified individual/organization. Each such procedure, and changes thereto, shall be reviewed by an individual/group other than the individual/group that prepared the procedure, or changes thereto, but who may be from the same organization as the individual/group that prepared the procedure, or changes thereto. Approval of procedures and programs and changes thereto and their safety evaluations, shall be controlled by administrative procedures.

6.5.2.2 Proposed changes to the Technical Specifications shall be prepared by a qualified individual/organization. The preparation of each proposed Technical Specifications change shall be reviewed by an individual/group other than the individual/group that prepared the proposed change, but who may be from the same organization as the individual/group that prepared the proposed change.

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TECHNICAL REVIEW AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES

6.5.2.2 (Continued)

Proposed changes to the Technical Specifications shall be approved by the Plant Manager.

6.5.2.3 Proposed modifications to unit structures, systems, and components that affect nuclear safety shall be designed by a qualified individual/organization. Each such modification shall be reviewed by an individual/group other than the individual/group that designed the modification, but who may be from the same organization as the individual/group that designed the modification. Proposed modifications to structures, systems, and components and the safety evaluations shall be approved before implementation by the Plant Manager, or the Manager Technical Support, as previously designated by the Plant Manager.

6.5.2.4 Individuals responsible for reviews performed in accordance with Specifications 6.5.2.1, 6.5.2.2, and 6.5.2.3 shall be members of the station supervisory staff, previously designated by the Plant Manager to perform such reviews. Each such review shall include a determination of whether or not additional, cross-disciplinary, review is necessary. If deemed necessary such review shall be performed by the appropriate designated station review personnel.

6.5.2.5 Proposed tests and experiments that affect station nuclear safety and are not addressed in the FSAR or Technical Specifications and their safety evaluations shall be reviewed by the Plant Manager, or the Manager Technical Support, as previously designated by the Plant Manager.

6.5.2.6 The Plant Manager shall assure the performance of special reviews and investigations, and the preparation and submittal of reports thereon, as requested by the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear.

6.5.2.7 The facility security program and implementing procedures shall be reviewed at least every 12 months. Recommended changes shall be approved by the Plant Manager and transmitted to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear, and to the Chairman of the Safety Review and Audit Board.

6.5.2.8 The facility emergency plan and implementing procedures shall be reviewed at least every 12 months. Recommended changes shall be approved by the Plant Manager and transmitted to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Chairman of the Safety Review and Audit Board.

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TECHNICAL REVIEW AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES

6.5.2.9 The Plant Manager shall assure the performance of a review by a qualified individual/ organization of changes to the Radiological Waste Treatment systems.

6.5.2.10 Review of any accidental, unplanned, or uncontrolled radioactive release, including the preparation of reports covering evaluation, recommendations, and disposition of the corrective action to prevent recurrence and the forwarding of these reports to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and to the Safety Review and Audit Board.

6.5.2.11 Review of changes to the PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM and the OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL. Approval of any changes shall be made by the Plant Manager or a designee before implementation of such changes.

6.5.2.12 Reports documenting each of the activities performed under Specifications 6.5.2.1 through 6.5.2.9 shall be maintained. Copies shall be provided to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the Safety Review and Audit Board.

6.5.3 SAFETY REVIEW AND AUDIT BOARD

FUNCTION

6.5.3.1 The Safety Review and Audit Board (SRAB) shall function to provide independent review and audit of designated activities in the areas of:

- a. Nuclear power plant operations
- b. Nuclear engineering
- c. Chemistry and radiochemistry
- d. Metallurgy
- e. Instrumentation and control
- f. Radiological safety
- g. Mechanical and electrical engineering
- h. Quality assurance practices and
- i. Other appropriate fields associated with the unique characteristics of the nuclear power plant.

The SRAB shall report to and advise the Chief Nuclear Officer on those areas of responsibility in Specifications 6.5.3.7 and 6.5.3.8.

COMPOSITION

6.5.3.2 The SRAB shall be composed of the:

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| Chairman: | Vice President, Manager or Staff Engineer |
| Member: | Plant Manager or Designee |
| Member: | Staff Engineer - Nuclear |
| Member: | Staff Engineer - Mechanical or Electrical |
| Member: | Consultant (Specification 6.5.3.4) |

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AUDITS

6.5.3.8 (Continued)

- j. Any other area of unit operation considered appropriate by the SRAB or the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear.
- k. The Fire Protection Program and implementing procedures at least once per 24 months.
- l. An independent fire protection and loss prevention program inspection and audit shall be performed at least once per 12 months utilizing either qualified offsite licensee personnel or an outside fire protection firm.
- m. An inspection and audit of the fire protection and loss prevention program shall be performed by an outside qualified fire consultant at intervals no greater than 36 months.

AUTHORITY

6.5.3.9 The SRAB shall report to and advise the Chief Nuclear Officer on those areas of responsibility specified in Sections 6.5.3.7 and 6.5.3.8.

RECORDS

6.5.3.10 Records of SRAB activities shall be prepared, approved, and distributed as indicated below:

- a. Minutes of each SRAB meeting shall be prepared, approved, and forwarded to the Chief Nuclear Officer within 14 days following each meeting.
- b. Reports of reviews encompassed by Specification 6.5.3.7b, e, g, h shall be prepared, approved, and forwarded to the Chief Nuclear Officer within 14 days following completion of the review.
- c. Audit reports encompassed by Specification 6.5.3.8 shall be forwarded to the Chief Nuclear Officer and to the management positions responsible for the areas audited within 30 days after completion of the audit by the auditing organization.

6.6 REPORTABLE EVENT ACTION

The following actions shall be taken for REPORTABLE EVENTS:

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

6.7 SAFETY LIMIT VIOLATION

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

- a. The NRC Operations Center shall be notified by telephone as soon as possible and in all cases within 1 hour. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear and the SRAB shall be notified within 24 hours.
- b. A Safety Limit Violation Report shall be prepared in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73. The report shall be reviewed by the SORC. This report shall describe (1) applicable circumstances preceding the violation, (2) effects of the violation upon unit components, systems, or structures, and (3) corrective action taken to prevent recurrence.
- c. 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 and General Manager - Nuclear within 14 days.
- d. Critical operation of the unit shall not be resumed until authorized by the Commission.

6.8 PROCEDURES AND PROGRAMS

PROCEDURES

6.8.1 Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities referenced below:

- a. The applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978
- b. The applicable procedures required to implement the requirements of NUREG-0737
- c. Refueling operations



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LICENSE NOS. DPR-63 AND NPF-69

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated October 25, 1995 (two letters) as supplemented February 7, 1996, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC, the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (NMP1 and NMP2). The proposed changes would revise portions of Chapter 6 (administrative controls) to reflect the restructuring of NMPC's upper management organization. The proposed changes involve reassignment of responsibility at the upper management level, reporting changes, and title changes. The February 7, 1996, letter for Unit 2 did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

2.0 EVALUATION

NMPC is restructuring the corporate level management of its electric power generation facilities. The restructuring provides for the establishment of the Generation Business Group composed of nuclear and non-nuclear electric power generation facilities. The current Executive Vice President - Nuclear has been chosen to head the Generation Business Group as the Executive Vice President - Generation Business Group/Chief Nuclear Officer. Accordingly, the Executive Vice President - Nuclear Generation Business Group/Chief Nuclear Officer will have a combination of nuclear and non-nuclear corporate level management responsibilities. The proposed amendment reassigns corporate management responsibilities within the Nuclear Division to provide the necessary attention to nuclear safety matters.

The general features of the organizational restructuring include the establishment of the Executive Vice President - Generation Business Group/Chief Nuclear Officer position; the establishment of the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear position; reassignment of responsibilities assigned to the Executive Vice President - Nuclear to either the Chief Nuclear Officer or the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear; reassignment of responsibilities assigned to the Vice President - Nuclear Generation to the

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Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear; and the associated elimination of the Executive Vice President - Nuclear and Vice President - Nuclear Generation positions.

Specifically, the position of Executive Vice President - Generation Business Group/Chief Nuclear Officer has been established to provide corporate management oversight of NMPC's nuclear and non-nuclear power generation facilities. The Executive Vice President - Generation Business Group/Chief Nuclear Officer, hereinafter referred to as the Chief Nuclear Officer in describing the nuclear organization, will have overall responsibility for oversight of the Nuclear Division, including: Communications and Public Affairs; Nuclear Generation; Nuclear Engineering; Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support; Business Management; and Human Resource Development. Upon implementation of the approved amendment, the current Executive Vice President - Nuclear will assume the "Chief Nuclear Officer" position and transfer corporate responsibility for overall nuclear plant safety to the new position of Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear.

In addition, the position title of "Vice President - Nuclear Generation" is being changed to "Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear" to reflect the assignment of additional responsibilities beyond those previously associated with the "Vice President - Nuclear Generation" position. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear will be responsible for nuclear operations, maintenance, and engineering. The Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear will assume the corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety (previously held by the Executive Vice President - Nuclear) and will have the authority to take such measures as may be needed to ensure acceptable performance of staff in operating, maintaining, and providing technical support to the plant to ensure nuclear safety. Upon implementation of the approved amendment, the Vice President - Nuclear Generation will assume the "Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear" position.

The reassignment of responsibilities includes the reporting of the Vice President - Nuclear Engineering to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear. In association with this change, the Unit 2 Independent Safety Engineering Group (ISEG) will report to the Vice President - Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support, rather than the Vice President - Nuclear Engineering. The Vice President - Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support will report directly to the Chief Nuclear Officer, therefore, the functions of ISEG will remain independent from plant activities, including maintenance, modifications, and operational concerns.

The proposed changes to Chapter 6 of the TSs reflect two organizational title changes and two reporting changes. Proposed changes to the TSs which involve a change in management and reporting responsibilities are Sections 6.2.1.b and 6.1.2 (both units), and 6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.3 and 6.2.3.4 (Unit 2 only). The staff uses Standard Review Plan (SRP) Sections 13.1.1 and 13.4 to review these areas.

In TS sections 6.2.1.b and 6.1.2, the licensee is transferring the corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety from the current Executive Vice President - Nuclear (a position which is being eliminated) to the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear. SRP section 13.1.1 states that "a corporate officer should clearly be responsible for nuclear activities, without having ancillary responsibilities that might detract from his attention to nuclear safety matters." The overall responsibility for plant nuclear safety will remain, as before, with the highest ranking executive at the site who is responsible for operations, maintenance, and engineering and whose full-time responsibility is the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station. These changes proposed to Sections 6.1.2.b and 6.1.2 for each unit are in accordance with SRP 13.1.1 and are acceptable. Also, in Section 6.2.1.b, a reporting change is proposed. The Nuclear Safety Assessment and Support (NSAS) organization currently reports to the Executive Vice President - Nuclear. It is proposed that NSAS report to the Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO). SRP 13.4 (referencing ANSI N18.7) has a criterion for independent review organizations that the organization should be independent of line responsibility for operating activities. Since NSAS will report to the CNO directly and independently of the line operating organization, the proposed change is in accordance with SRP 13.4 and is acceptable.

The changes to TS sections 6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.3, and 6.2.3.4 (Unit 2 only) reflect a reporting change. The ISEG currently reports (through the engineering division) to the position responsible for oversight of nuclear safety assessment. Because the engineering division is being moved under the Vice President and General Manager Nuclear, ISEG will be transferred from the engineering division to remain in the reporting chain to the position responsible for oversight of nuclear safety assessment. SRP Section 13.4 states that the ISEG should perform independent reviews of plant operations in accordance with the guidelines of item I.B.1.2 of NUREG-0737. The guidelines of item I.B.1.2 state that ISEG should be located onsite and report to a corporate official who holds a high-level, technically oriented position that is not in the management chain for power production. The ISEG is being moved from the engineering division to the division of nuclear safety assessment and support which reports directly to the Chief Nuclear Officer. Therefore, it will remain, as before, onsite in a technically-oriented reporting path independent of the line organization responsible for operations and maintenance (power production) which is acceptable. Proposed TSs 6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.3, and 6.2.3.4 implement this change and are therefore acceptable.

Although there are no TS changes proposed related to the Quality Assurance (QA) organization, the staff reviewed whether unacceptable changes in QA reporting would result from the upper level management changes. SRP section 13.4 references section 4.3 ANSI N18.7 which states that an organizational unit functioning as an independent review body should report to a manager who is not immediately responsible for the performance being reviewed. As before, QA will report through the division of safety assessment independent of the line organization for operations, maintenance, and engineering. For those QA issues relating to the division of safety assessment, the licensee proposes

direct (dotted line on the organization chart) reporting of QA to the next higher manager, the Chief Nuclear Officer, above the vice president in charge of the division of safety assessment. This independent reporting arrangement is in accordance with SRP 13.4 and is acceptable.

All of the remaining proposed TS changes are simple administrative changes to reflect the new titles of the Vice President and General Manager - Nuclear position, and the Chief Nuclear Officer position, and are therefore acceptable. These TS changes for NMP1 and NMP2 are listed below.

NMP1

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6.6.1.b
6.7.1.b
6.7.1.d

NMP2

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6.7 item c

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment changes recordkeeping, reporting, or 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 this 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 amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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