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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 50.90: ADOPTION OF NFPA 805, PERFORMANCE-BASED STANDARD FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR LIGHT WATER REACTOR ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANTS (2001 EDITION) (TAC NO. ME8899)

Dear Mr. Langdon:

By letter dated June 11, 2012, Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC (NMPNS, the Licensee), submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Nine Mile Point Unit 1. The proposed amendment would adopt a new risk-informed performance-based fire protection licensing basis which complies with the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), 50.48(a) and 10 CFR 50.48(c); the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.205, "Risk-Informed Performance-Based Fire Protection for Existing Light-Water Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 1, and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants," 2001 Edition. This LAR also follows the guidance in Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 04-02, "Guidance for Implementing a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program under 10 CFR 50.48(c)," Revision 2.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of 10 CFR, an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate

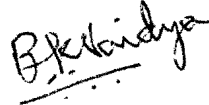
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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. K. Vaidya", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Bhalchandra K. Vaidya, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-1
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