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Honorable John E. Moss
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Moss:

I am pleased to respond to your April 4, 1969 request for information on the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station.

Under the Atomic Energy Act, a nuclear power reactor undergoes two stages of review prior to its operation. Before a construction permit may be issued, the preliminary design of the plant must be evaluated and approved. Subsequently, when the design of the plant has been developed and construction essentially complete, a second review is conducted to determine that the plant has been constructed in accord with the construction permit prior to the issuance of a provisional operating license.

The Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station has been under construction since issuance of a construction permit by the Commission on April 12, 1965. Issuance of the construction permit followed a detailed review of the plant design features by the Commission's staff and its consultants and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). A public hearing on the matter was held on January 19, 1965, at Oswego, New York.

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also reviewed the application for an operating license for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station and reported the results of its review in a letter dated April 17, 1969, to Chairman Seaborg of the Atomic Energy Commission. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your information.

We will soon notice our intent to issue the provisional operating license to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation in the Federal Register. At this time we also will publish our safety evaluation which will present the results of our complete review. We will forward a copy of this report to your office when it is available.

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I am enclosing three Commission booklets, "Nuclear Power Plants", "Atomic Power Safety" and "Licensing of Power Reactors" which provide additional information on the Commission's consideration of safety matters with respect to nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

1. AGRS ltr dtd 4/17/69 on
Nine Mile Point
2. "Nuclear Power Plants"
3. "Atomic Power Safety"
4. "Licensing of Power Reactors"

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