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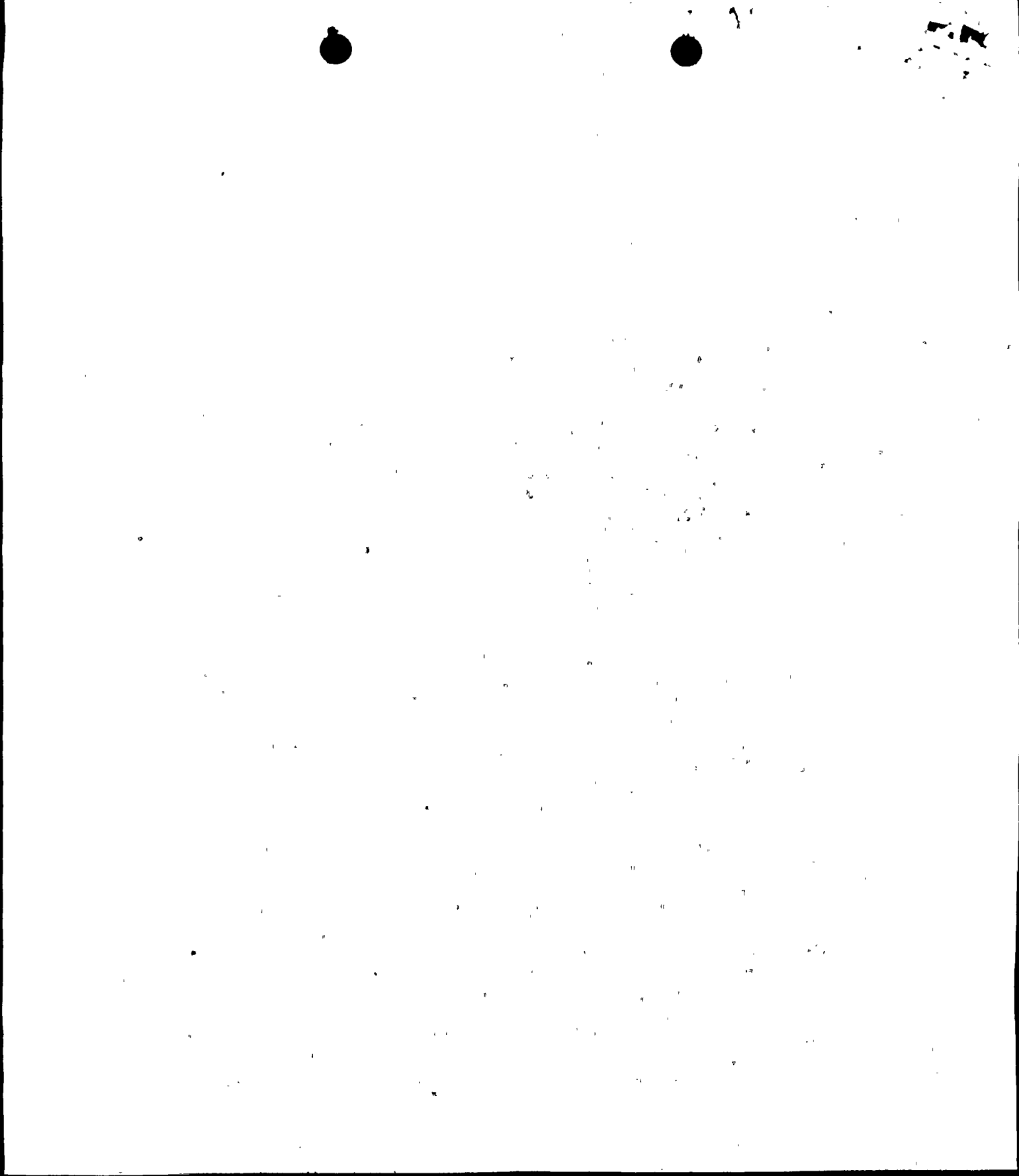
Honorable Robert C. McEwen
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. McEwen:

This letter will supply information with respect to the inquiry to you from Assemblyman Edward F. Crawford of Oswego, New York. As Mr. Crawford indicated, Niagara Mohawk's Nine Mile Point nuclear plant is being constructed in accordance with a construction permit issued by the AEC on April 12, 1965, following a public hearing in Oswego. Niagara Mohawk has recently applied for a provisional operating license to operate the plant. Its application is currently under review by the AEC's regulatory staff.

In answer to one of Mr. Crawford's questions, fuel may not be installed in the reactor until after the AEC completes its safety evaluation and issues the provisional operating license. In accordance with the usual practice, however, Niagara Mohawk has requested and received a special nuclear material license to store the fuel in the safe-geometry storage racks prior to the issuance of the operating license itself in order to avoid any loss of time.

With respect to Mr. Crawford's other questions, as our safety review progresses we may identify additional safety requirements beyond those indicated in Niagara Mohawk's application. Since our review is not completed, I cannot say what these might be. However, there is no requirement for Niagara Mohawk to acquire and clear additional property beyond that now owned by the company. In issuing a construction permit to Niagara Mohawk we found their 1500 acre site, which provides a minimum exclusion distance of about 4000 feet from the reactor, to be acceptable. The station buildings are situated in the western quadrant of a 200 acre cleared area centrally located on the site along the lake shore.



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For your use I am enclosing a pamphlet entitled "Licensing of Power Reactors" which outlines in more detail the steps in the safety review and licensing procedure. I hope this information is responsive to your needs.

In keeping with the AEC's rules in licensing proceedings, a copy of your referral with enclosure and this reply have been placed in the Commission's Public Document Room.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. Orig ltr fm E. F. Crawford
- 2. "Licensing of Power Reactors"

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