

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-220

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 32 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Oswego County, New York. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment (1) extends the applicability of the safety limit on minimum reactor vessel water level by including all modes of operation and specifically including a low-low-low water level limit, (2) adds a Limiting Safety System Setting on low-low-low water level, and (3) adds a Safety Limit and Limiting Condition for Operation to require that at least two recirculation loops remain open during all modes of operation except when the reactor vessel is flooded to the level of the mainsteam line nozzle.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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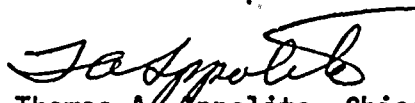


The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated May 29, 1979, (2) Amendment No. 32 to License No. DPR-63, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Oswego County Office Building, 46 E. Bridge Street, Oswego, New York 13126. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 11th day of June 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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