

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

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

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 50-220

1.0 Introduction

By application dated May 3, 1983, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) requested an amendment to Appendix A of Operating License No. DPR-63 for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1. The amendment request involves clarification of inventory requirements for radioactive materials in sealed sources.

2.0 Evaluation

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The licensee's proposal incorporates clarification of the inventory requirements for radioactive materials in sealed sources. The proposal deletes from inventory requirements those sealed sources which are rendered exempt quantity by the provisions of 10 CFR 30.18 and 10 CFR 30.71, Schedule B. The NRC staff has verified that this change is consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 30.18 and 10 CFR 30.71, Schedule B, NUREG-0800 (Standard Review Plan) Chapter 16, and NUREG-0123, Rev. 3, (Standard Technical Specifications). On this basis, we find the proposed change acceptable.

3.0 Environmental Considerations

This amendment relates to a clarification of the inventory requirements for radioactive materials in sealed sources and involves a change in the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area. The staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupation radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that this amendment involves no significant hazards consideration and there has been no public comment on such finding. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). 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.

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4.0 Conclusion

We have 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, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Principal Reviewer: Rosemary Hogan, Division of Engineering and Technical Programs, Region I

Dated: June 28, 1984

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