



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 68 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 July 19, 1984, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) requested an amendment to Appendix A of Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1. The licensee requested that Technical Specification Figure 6.2-1 be changed to reflect a revised arrangement of certain upper management positions in the corporate organization.

2.0 Evaluation

Although the requested change to Figure 6.2-1 is manifested only in two position title changes, the major consideration centers on the fact that these two positions are filled by individuals who are employees of a consulting firm, not of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), the licensee.

The Corporation has identified Messrs. B. G. Hooten and J. A. Perry, two senior level executives employed by Management Analysis Company, as having the requisite skill and experience to substantially enhance Niagara Mohawk's nuclear management organization.

In order to utilize the skill and knowledge of these individuals to enhance the management capability and at the same time maintain all authority and responsibility for nuclear construction and operations within the Corporation's management structure, the Board of Directors of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has created the positions of Executive Director of Nuclear Operations and Director of Quality Assurance and has designated Mr. B. G. Hooten as Executive Director of Nuclear Operations and Mr. J. A. Perry as Director of Quality Assurance for Niagara Mohawk. As Executive Director of Nuclear Operations, Mr. Hooten assumes the functions formerly performed by the Senior Vice President, Nuclear Operations. Mr. Perry, as Director of Quality Assurance, assumes the functions performed by the Vice President of Quality Assurance.

By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director of Nuclear Operations has been vested with the authority and responsibility to oversee and direct the Corporation's nuclear operations, including the authority and

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responsibility to plan and provide policy direction and coordination of all major activities of the following company functions: nuclear engineering and licensing, nuclear electric production and the construction of company nuclear facilities -- it being the intent of the Corporation that the Executive Director of Nuclear Operations represent the Corporation as if he were an officer thereof. By the same resolution of the Board of Directors, the Director of Quality Assurance has been vested with the authority and responsibility to oversee and direct the Corporation's quality assurance program with full authority to bind and act on behalf of the Corporation as if he were an officer thereof.

As a result of the delegation of authority and responsibility by the Board of Directors, the position of Executive Director of Nuclear Operations and Director of Quality Assurance possess the essential attributes of their antecedent offices and possess the authority of officers of the Corporation.

Based upon the licensee's statements to the effect that the two individuals involved will have the authority of officers of the Corporation, the staff concludes that there has been no substantive negative change to the organization and, therefore, the proposed change to Technical Specification Figure 6.2-1 is acceptable.

### 3.0 Environmental Considerations

This amendment relates to changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

### 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.

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