



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 84 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 letter dated December 31, 1985, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) requested an amendment to Appendix A of Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1. The proposed amendment would modify Technical Specification (TS) Section 3.1.1(f), by eliminating the reference to the "AEC", and by eliminating the reference to Section 6.9.2 reportability requirements pertaining to reactivity anomalies. The proposed change does not present a new procedure or situation, but merely clarifies an existing one.

2.0 EVALUATION

If the difference between an observed and predicted control rod inventory exceeds the equivalent of 1 percent in reactivity, current TS require notification of the "AEC" within 24 hours in accordance with Specification 6.9.2. Reference to Section 6.9.2 is an inappropriate requirement and unnecessary due to: (1) the AEC's reorganization, (2) the reportability requirements of Sections 50.72 and 50.73 to 10 CFR Part 50, and (3) the intent of Section 6.9.2 being for fire protection related matters only.

Sections 50.72 and 50.73 to 10 CFR Part 50 require the licensee to notify the NRC as soon as practical and in all cases within 1 hour if a TS requiring plant shutdown occurs. This reportability requirement is also found in TS Section 6.6.1. Therefore, if a plant shutdown were to occur due to the conditions covered under Section 3.1.1(f), it would be a plant shutdown required by the TS and thereby reportable in accordance with Section 6.6.1. Additionally, the referenced Section 6.9.2 outlines actions that must be taken with respect to Fire Protection Program Reports. The referenced section is therefore not applicable to Section 3.1.1(f). The proposed change does not present a new procedure or situation, but merely clarifies an existing one, and therefore is acceptable.

8606120690 860603  
PDR ADOCK 05000220  
PDR



10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

### 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

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(c)(10). 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.

### 4.0 CONCLUSION

The staff has 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 nor to the health and safety of the public.

Principal Contributor:

J. Kelly

Dated: June 3, 1986

