



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 34 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-69

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

DOCKET NO. 50-410

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated April 24, 1991, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise Technical Specifications 6.2.2.e and 6.2.4 to make the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) position a normally dedicated STA position, rather than the dual-role Assistant Station Shift Supervisor/Shift Technical Advisor (ASSS/STA) position currently specified. Additionally, the amendment corrects an error in Table 6.2.2-1 to alleviate ambiguity, and makes editorial changes in order to clarify Technical Specifications 6.2.2.e and 6.2.4. Additional clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination was provided in a teleconference on July 31, 1991.

2.0 EVALUATION

The NRC staff evaluated the licensee's request for a modification to Technical Specifications Section 6.2 regarding the STA position in accordance with the applicable criteria set forth in the Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 16.0, "Technical Specifications."

The purpose of the proposed modification is to separate the ASSS/STA position into two separate positions. This proposed modification would allow the licensee to normally exercise option 2 (dedicated STA position) of Generic Letter 86-04, "Policy Statement on Engineering Expertise on Shift," and use option 1 (dual-role [SRO/STA] position) when necessary. It provides for an increase of the management complement on shift. The licensee has measures in place to ensure that only STA qualified ASSSs will be assigned to the dual-role position. Either these measures or similar measures will be maintained to provide continued assurance that only STA qualified ASSSs will be assigned to the dual-role position. Since the requested changes conform to existing policy guidance and meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(m)(2)(i), they are acceptable.

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The licensee proposed additional changes that are not directly associated with the STA position issue. A revision to Table 6.2.2-1 regroups the columns, eliminates one of the footnotes, and clarifies three of the footnotes. The proposed change also incorporates a correction to the third column of Table 6.2.2-1. The third column currently does not indicate the requirements for a third operator while in Operational Condition 2 for greater than 8 hours without the process computer. These additional administrative changes are acceptable since they correct or clarify requirements of the Technical Specifications.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the New York State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment involves only changes in administrative procedures and requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR Section 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 the amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission 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, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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Date: September 30, 1991



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Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION,
UNIT 2 (TAC NO. 80238)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 34 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-69 for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit 2 (NMP-2). The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application transmitted by letter dated April 24, 1991.

The amendment revises the Technical Specifications 6.2.2.e and 6.2.4 to make the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) position a normally dedicated STA position, rather than the dual-role Assistant Station Shift Supervisor/Shift Technical Advisor (ASSS/STA) position currently specified. Additionally, the amendment corrects an error in Table 6.2.2-1 to alleviate potential ambiguity, and makes editorial changes in order to clarify Technical Specifications 6.2.2.e and 6.2.4.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is enclosed. A Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next regular biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:

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1. Amendment No. 34 to NPF-69
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