



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

September 22, 1992

Docket No. 50-220

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF LICENSEE RESPONSES TO NRC STAFF'S TECHNICAL EVALUATION REPORT ITEMS AND REVISED RELIEF REQUESTS FOR THE NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION UNIT NO. 1 IST PROGRAM (TAC NOS. M81833 AND M83539)

On March 7, 1991, the NRC staff issued a Safety Evaluation (SE) with enclosed Technical Evaluation Report (TER) for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, Second Ten-Year Interval Inservice Testing Program Plan for pumps and valves. The TER contained ten action items which Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) was requested to address. By letter dated October 8, 1991, NMPC responded to the ten action items. The October 8, 1991, response also contained revisions to relief requests CS-RR-1, CTS-RR-2, MS-RR-1, and CTS-RR-1 which were the subject of certain action items in the TER. Relief request CTS-RR-1 was subsequently withdrawn by NMPC's letter dated May 11, 1992. In addition, relief request EDGCW-RR-1 was submitted by NMPC's letter dated May 26, 1992. Additional information relative to relief requests CTS-RR-2, CS-RR-1, and EDGCW-RR-1 was provided in NMPC's letter dated July 21, 1992.

The NRC staff has reviewed NMPC's responses to the TER action items, including the revisions to relief requests CTS-RR-2, MS-RR-1, and CS-RR-1, as well as relief request EDGCW-RR-1. Our evaluations of NMPC's responses to the action items are contained in our enclosed SE. Relief requests CTS-RR-2 and EDGCW-RR-1 are granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). Relief request CS-RR-1 is granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i). Relief request MS-RR-1 is granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) provided NMPC establishes controls for inspection and refurbishment of all Automatic Depressurization System (ADS) valves in the event degradation indicating a condition which could affect the remaining valves is detected in any of the ADS valves inspected and refurbished during each refueling outage and provided NMPC verifies ADS valve change of disc position by use of acoustic monitors in the discharge lines when these valves are exercised with steam. NMPC is requested to notify the NRC within 60 days of the date of this letter of NMPC's commitment to comply with these provisions.

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For the relief that is being granted, we have determined that the Code requirements are impractical and that the relief requests are authorized by law and will not endanger life, property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

The requests for relief comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1. Accordingly, relief from certain provisions of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and the applicable addenda is hereby granted, as described in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

This completes our efforts in response to your submittal as listed above and TAC Nos. M81833 and M83539.

This requirement affects one respondent and, therefore, is not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under P.L. 96-511.

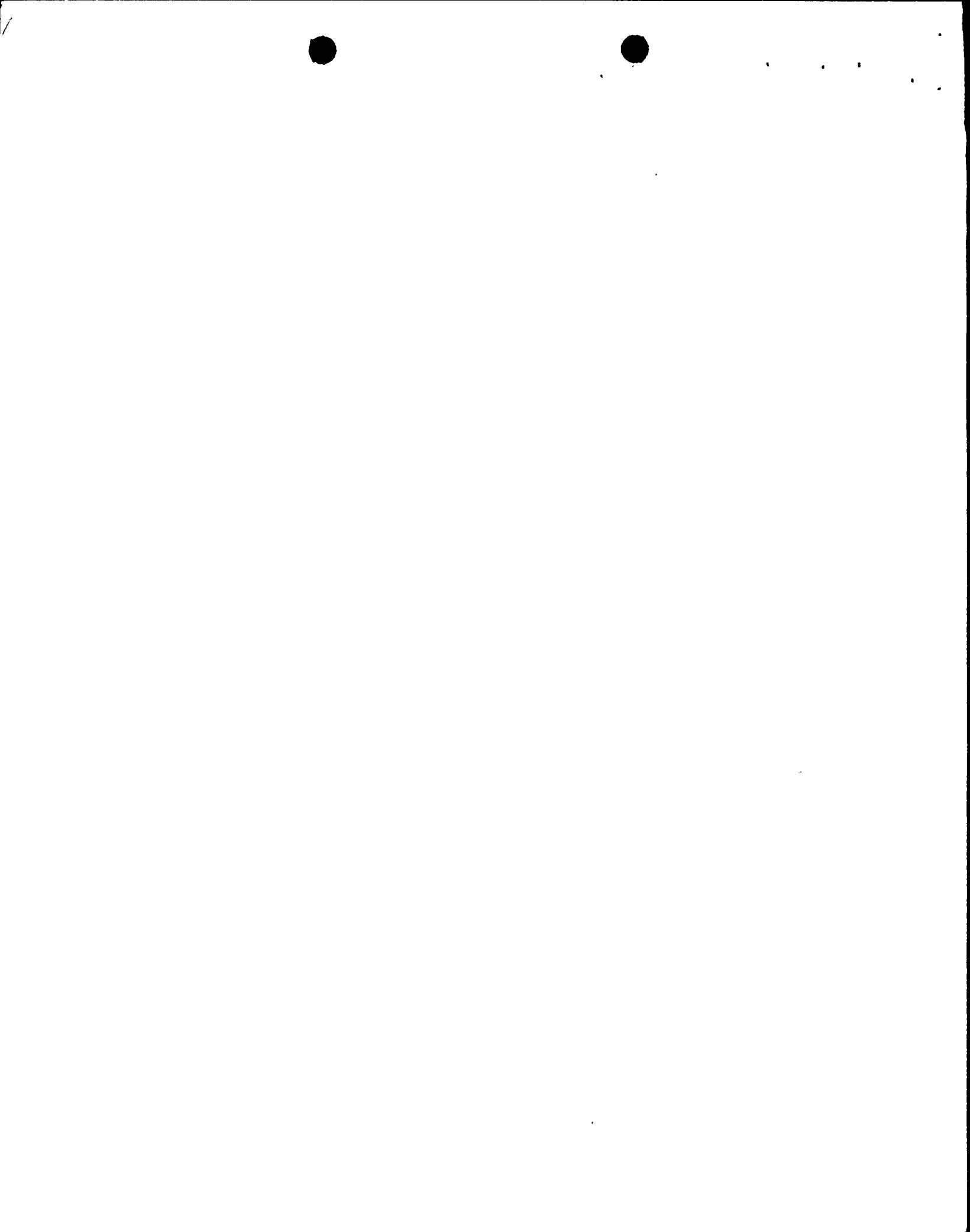
Sincerely,



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Enclosure:
Safety Evaluation

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