



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

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 50-220

NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 129
License No. DPR-63

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) dated April 24, 1992, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-63 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 129, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance to be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

for Donald S. Brinkman

Robert A. Capra, Director
Project Directorate I-1
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: June 29, 1992



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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

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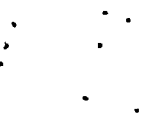
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LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.3

ACCESS CONTROL

Applicability:

Applies to the access control to the reactor building.

Objective:

To specify the requirements necessary to assure the integrity of the secondary containment system.

Specification:

- a. Whenever the reactor is in the power operating condition, or when irradiated fuel is being handled in the reactor building, or during core alterations, or during irradiated fuel cask handling operations in the reactor building, the following conditions will be met:
 - 1. Only one door in each of the double doored access ways shall be opened at one time.
 - 2. Only one door or closeup of the railroad bay shall be opened at one time.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT

4.4.3

ACCESS CONTROL

Applicability:

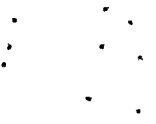
Applies to the periodic checking of the condition of portions of the reactor building.

Objective:

To assure that pump compartments are properly closed at all times and to assure the integrity of the secondary containment system by verifying that reactor building access doors are closed, as required by Specifications 3.4.3.a.1 and 3.4.3.a.2.

Specification:

- a. The core and containment spray pump compartments shall be checked once per week and after each entry.
- b. Verify at least once per 31 days that:
 - 1. At least one door in each access to the secondary containment is closed.
 - 2. At least one door or closeup of the railroad bay is closed.



LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION**SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT**

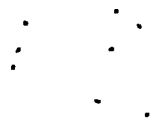
3. The core spray and containment spray pump compartments' doors shall be closed at all times except during passage in order to consider the core spray system and the containment spray system operable.

b. If these conditions cannot be met, then the actions listed below shall be taken:

1. If in the power operating condition, restore reactor building integrity within 4 hours or be in at least the hot shutdown condition within the next 12 hours and in the cold shutdown condition within the following 24 hours.

2. Suspend any of the following activities:

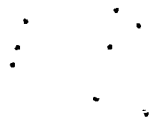
- a. core alterations,
- b. Handling of irradiated fuel in the reactor building,



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c. irradiated fuel cask
handling operations in
the reactor building.



BASES FOR 3.4.3 AND 4.4.3 ACCESS CONTROL

The reactor building serves as a secondary containment during normal Station operations and as a primary containment during refueling and other periods when the pressure suppression system is open. Maintaining the building integrity and an operative emergency ventilation system for the conditions listed will ensure that any fission products inadvertently released to the reactor building will be routed through the emergency ventilation system to the stack. The worst such incident is due to dropping a fuel assembly on the core during refueling. The consequences of this are discussed in Section XV.C.3 of the FSAR.

As discussed in Section VI-F, all access openings of the reactor building have as a minimum two doors in series. Appropriate local alarms and control room indicators are provided to always insure that reactor building integrity is maintained. Surveillance of the reactor building access doors provides additional assurance that reactor building integrity is maintained.

Maintaining closed doors on the pump compartments ensures that suction to the core and containment spray pumps is not lost in case of a gross leak from the suppression chamber.

