



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 45 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 May 26, 1993, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (NMP-2), Technical Specifications (TSs). The requested changes would revise TSs 6.8.2 and 6.8.3c to require approval of plant procedures (and changes thereto) by the Branch Manager for the functional area of the procedure rather than requiring approval of these procedures by the Plant Manager. The requested changes would also correct a typographical error in TS 6.8.1.i and delete a footnote on TS page 6-16; the proposed change to TS 6.8.2 would incorporate the intent of the footnote proposed for deletion.

2.0 EVALUATION

NMP-2 TS 6.8.2, currently requires that each procedure of TS 6.8.1 and changes thereto be approved by the Plant Manager prior to implementation. The proposed change would revise TS 6.8.2 to require that these procedures and changes thereto be approved prior to implementation by the Branch Manager (or by higher levels of management) for the functional area of the procedure. The proposed change would also correct a typographical error in TS 6.8.1.i and would delete a footnote on TS page 6-16 since the intent of this footnote would be incorporated by the proposed revision to TS 6.8.2.

NMP-2 TS 6.8.3c, currently requires that temporary changes to procedures be approved by the Plant Manager within 14 days of implementation. The proposed change would revise TS 6.8.3c to require that temporary changes to procedures be approved within 14 days of implementation by the Branch Manager (or by higher levels of management) for the functional area of the procedure.

Sections 13.5.1 "Administration Procedures" and 13.5.2 "Operating and Maintenance Procedures" of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan" provide review procedures and criteria for NRC staff review of operating licenses. The results of the NRC staff's review of the NMP-2 application for an operating license were documented in NUREG-1047 "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2." None of these documents require that plant procedures be approved by the Plant Manager. These documents do require preparation and review of plant procedures by qualified personnel. Such requirements are specified in NMP-2 TS 6.5.2, which

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is not being changed. The proposed change allows and requires the person most familiar with the procedure to approve it. The proposed changes also relieve the Plant Manager from the administrative responsibility of approving all plant procedures and thereby permits the Plant Manager to better focus his attention on major safety issues. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed changes acceptable.

### 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 relates to changes in administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the 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 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: August 9, 1993



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August 9, 1993

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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION,  
UNIT 2 (TAC NO. M86523)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 45 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-69 for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) in response to your application transmitted by letter dated May 26, 1993.

The amendment revises TSs 6.8.2 and 6.8.3c to require approval of plant procedures (and changes thereto) by the Branch Manager for the functional area of the procedure rather than requiring approval of these procedures by the Plant Manager. The amendment also corrects a typographical error in TS 6.8.1.i and deletes a footnote on TS page 6-16; the change to TS 6.8.2 incorporates the intent of the deleted footnote.

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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Division of Reactor Projects - I/II  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 45 to NPF-69
- 2. Safety Evaluation

cc w/enclosures:

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