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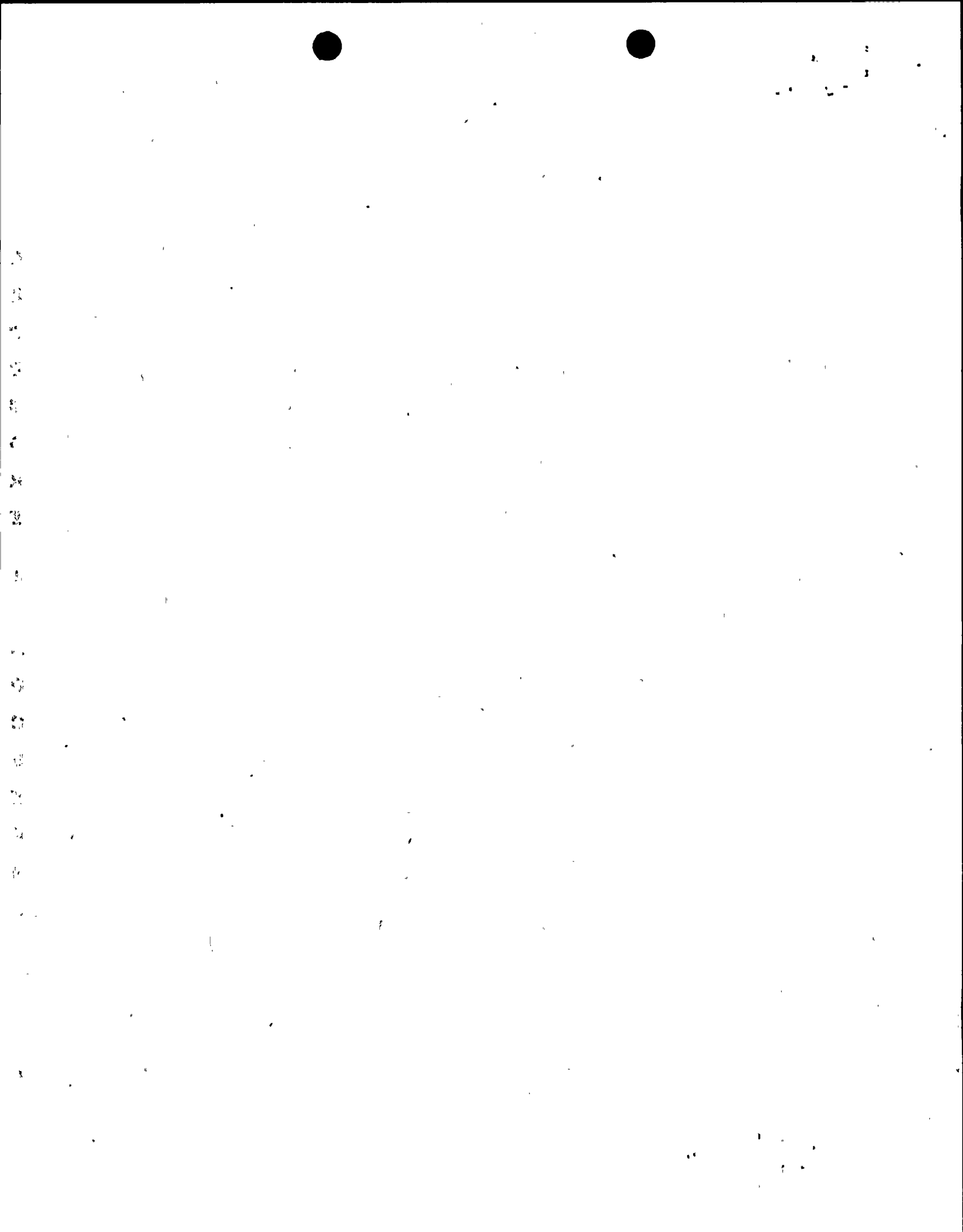
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*Subject: Response to Request for Additional Information Dated September 30, 1996
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Gentlemen:

By letter dated September 30, 1996, the Staff requested additional information regarding Nine Mile Point Unit 1's (NMP1) letter dated July 12, 1996 (NMP1L 1098). The NMP1 letter is a license amendment request to, in-part, revise NMP1 Technical Specification 6.2.2.i based on an organizational change to remove the positions of General Supervisor Operations and Supervisor Operations from the Unit 1 Operations Department management structure.

The requested information is provided in Enclosure 1.

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ENCLOSURE 1

Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Response to Request for Additional Information Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Technical Specification Amendment Request that Changes Operating Personnel Shift Length and SRO Requirements

1. What are the lines of authority, responsibility, and communication of the off-shift SROs relative to the Manager Operations and the on-shift crews?

Response

The off-shift SROs report directly to the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 (NMP1) Manager Operations and will occasionally communicate with on-shift Station Shift Supervisors (SSS) and on-shift crews in the handling of administrative tasks delegated by the Manager Operations. Instructions and expectations for day-to-day plant operations will be communicated directly to the on-shift SSSs by the Manager Operations. Thus, the Manager Operations will communicate directly with the SSSs and off-shift SROs. This is consistent with the Standard Review Plan (NUREG-0800) position (13.1.1.II.B.4) requiring clear management control and effective lines of authority and communications. This will be reflected in changes to the NMP1 UFSAR, which are currently being tracked per a Licensing Document Change Request, and will be incorporated in an update to the UFSAR following approval of the amendment request.

2. What specific functions will the Manager Operations be able to delegate to off-shift SROs?

Response

The Manager Operations retains overall authority and responsibility for the oversight of NMP1 operations. Examples of functions which may be delegated to off-shift SROs include routine personnel scheduling, coordination of training, work planning, attendance at management meetings, project-related work or tasks, and preparation of routine communications such as "night orders" to provide information to oncoming shifts. This is consistent with the Standard Review Plan position (13.1.2.I.C) with respect to delegation of authority.

3. Why will the delegation of these functions not adversely affect the ability of the Manager Operations to be able to direct day-to-day plant operations?

Response

The Manager Operations will delegate many routine administrative tasks to the off-shift SROs, reducing the burden of activities not directly related to day-to-day plant operations and maintaining at least the same level of effectiveness as the current



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operations management structure. This further releases the Manager Operations to directly interface with on-shift SSSs more frequently, increasing his awareness of plant status and emergent problems. With the SSSs reporting directly to the Manager Operations, expectations will be more effectively communicated, facilitating overall day-to-day operations. This is also consistent with the Standard Review Plan requirements for communications and lines of authority.



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