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SUBJECT: Forwards application for amend to license DPR-63 & TS set forth in App A of mentioned license. Proposed NMP1 TS change contained herein represents rev to administrative controls contained within NMP1 TS Sections 6.2.2i & 6.3.1.

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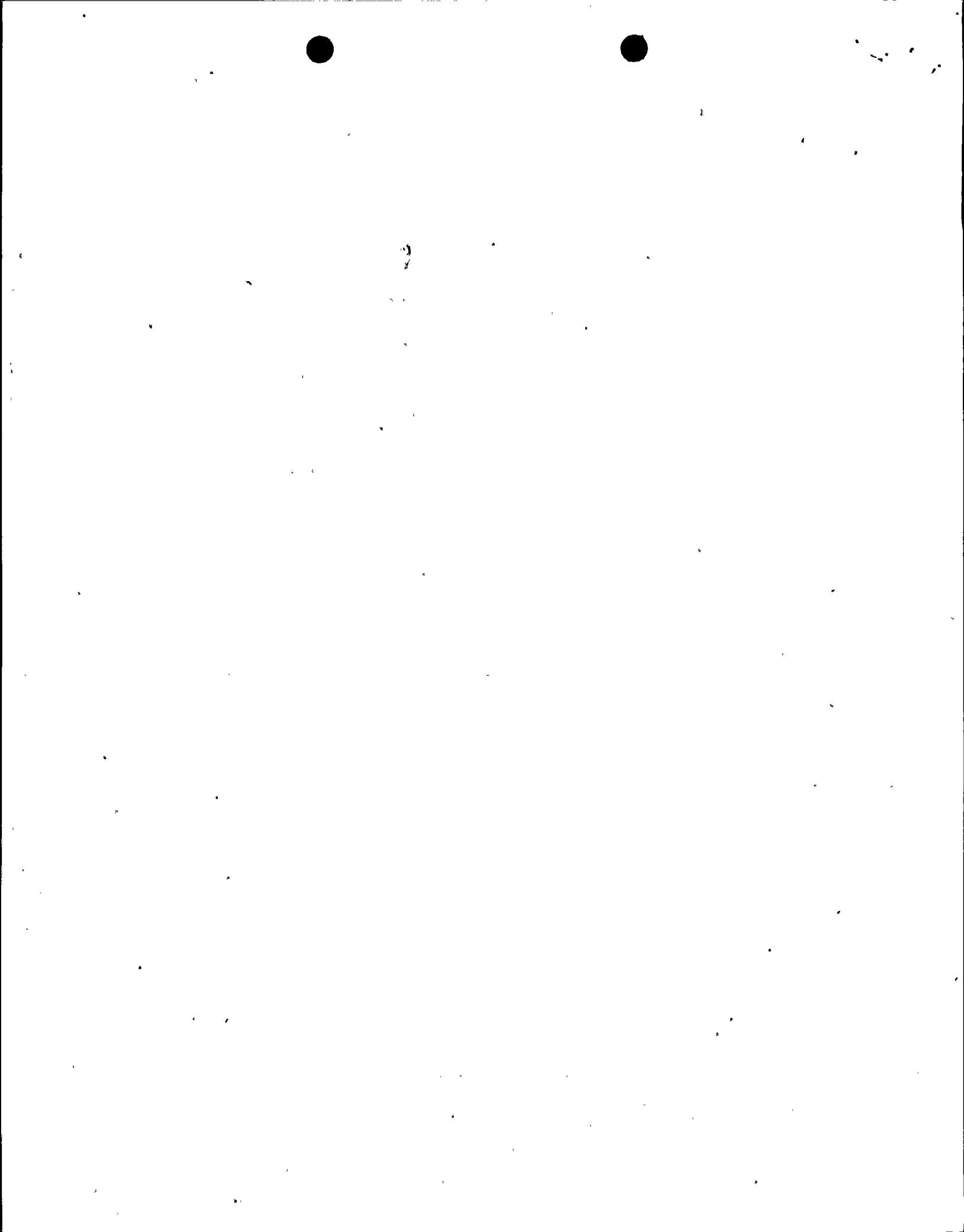
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Gentlemen:

On May 16, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) submitted an Application for Amendment to the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 (NMP1) Operating License DPR-63 concerning the Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) license requirements of the Manager Operations and General Supervisor Operations (GSO). In response to NRC Staff questions with respect to the proposed changes, NMPC provides this revised submittal, which includes additional changes to NMP1 Technical Specification (TS) Section 6.3.1 that were not included in the previous submittal.

The enclosed Application for Amendment to NMP1 Operating License DPR-63 supersedes the May 16, 1997, submittal in its entirety. Enclosed as Attachment A are the proposed changes to the NMP1 TS set forth in Appendix A of the above mentioned license. A marked copy of the affected current NMP1 TS pages are provided as Attachment C of our application to assist your review. Supporting information and analyses which demonstrate that the proposed changes involve no significant hazards consideration pursuant to 10CFR50.92 are included as Attachment B.

Nine Mile Point Senior Management review of recent performance of NMP1 has identified the need for additional management oversight of NMP1 Operations in the areas of operator training and performance enhancement. NMP1 eliminated both the GSO and the Supervisor Operations positions in December 1996 by implementation of NMP1 TS Amendment #158. Reestablishment of the GSO position will serve to enhance the oversight of NMP1 operations. The proposed NMP1 TS change contained herein represents a revision to the administrative controls contained within NMP1 TS Sections 6.2.2i and 6.3.1.

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NMP1 TS Section 6.2.2i currently states, "The Manager Operations, Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear and Assistant Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear shall hold senior reactor operator licenses." The proposed change revises this section to state, "As a minimum, either the Manager Operations or the General Supervisor Operations shall hold a senior reactor operator license. The Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear and Assistant Station Shift Supervisor Nuclear shall hold senior reactor operator licenses."

In addition, NMP1 TS Section 6.3.1 will be revised. The revised TS Section 6.3.1 will require that the Manager Operations, in lieu of meeting the SRO license requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971, shall 1) hold a SRO license at the time of appointment, or 2) have held an SRO license at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit 1 or at a similar unit, or 3) have been certified for equivalent SRO knowledge.

The proposed changes reflect NMP1's intention to restructure the NMP1 Operations organization for effectiveness and efficiency. The Manager Operations still retains responsibility for the oversight and direction of NMP1 Operations. The requirements for either the Manager Operations or the GSO to have an SRO license, and that only the licensed individual(s) may direct the licensed activities of licensed operators, ensures that the requirements for experience and training for NMP1 Operations management personnel are maintained. In this respect, the proposed changes are consistent with the intent of the Standard Review Plan (SRP) 13.1.1-13.1.3 and ANSI N18.1-1971. They are also consistent with NMP1 TS Section 6.2.1a with respect to lines of authority and responsibility, and communication.

Similar amendment requests by Arizona Public Service (approved October 24, 1988) and Washington Public Power Supply System (approved April 6, 1992) have previously been approved by the NRC Staff. NMPC requests that the proposed changes to the NMP1 TS be instated as soon as possible in order to allow the reorganization of NMP1 Operations to be completed in a timely manner. The additional management oversight will enable NMPC to be proactive in correcting potential obstacles to improvement at NMP1.

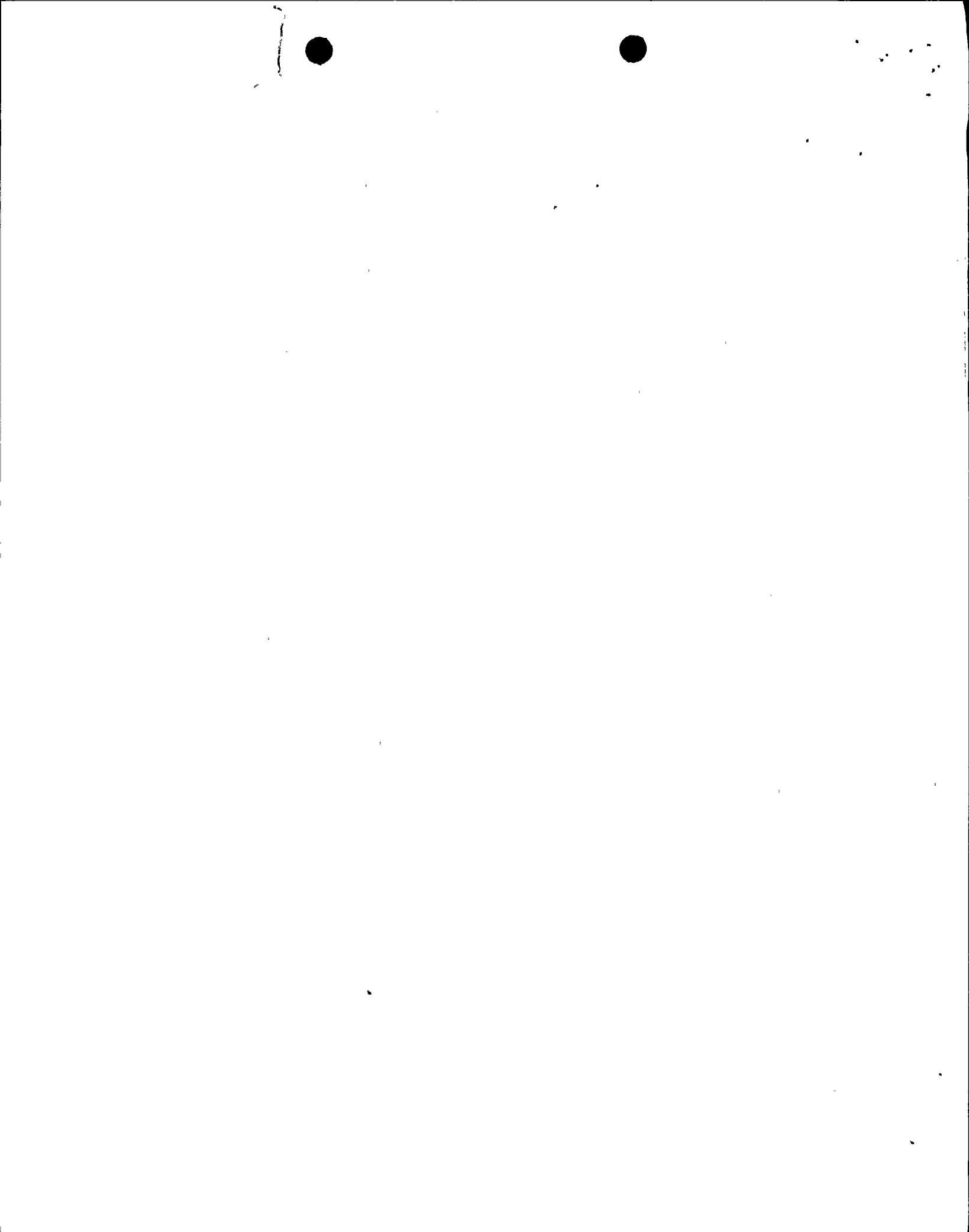
Pursuant to 10CFR50.91(B)(1), NMPC has provided a copy of this license amendment and the associated analyses regarding no significant hazards consideration to the appropriate state representative.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments



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