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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 16 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-18

ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION

R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-244

INTRODUCTION

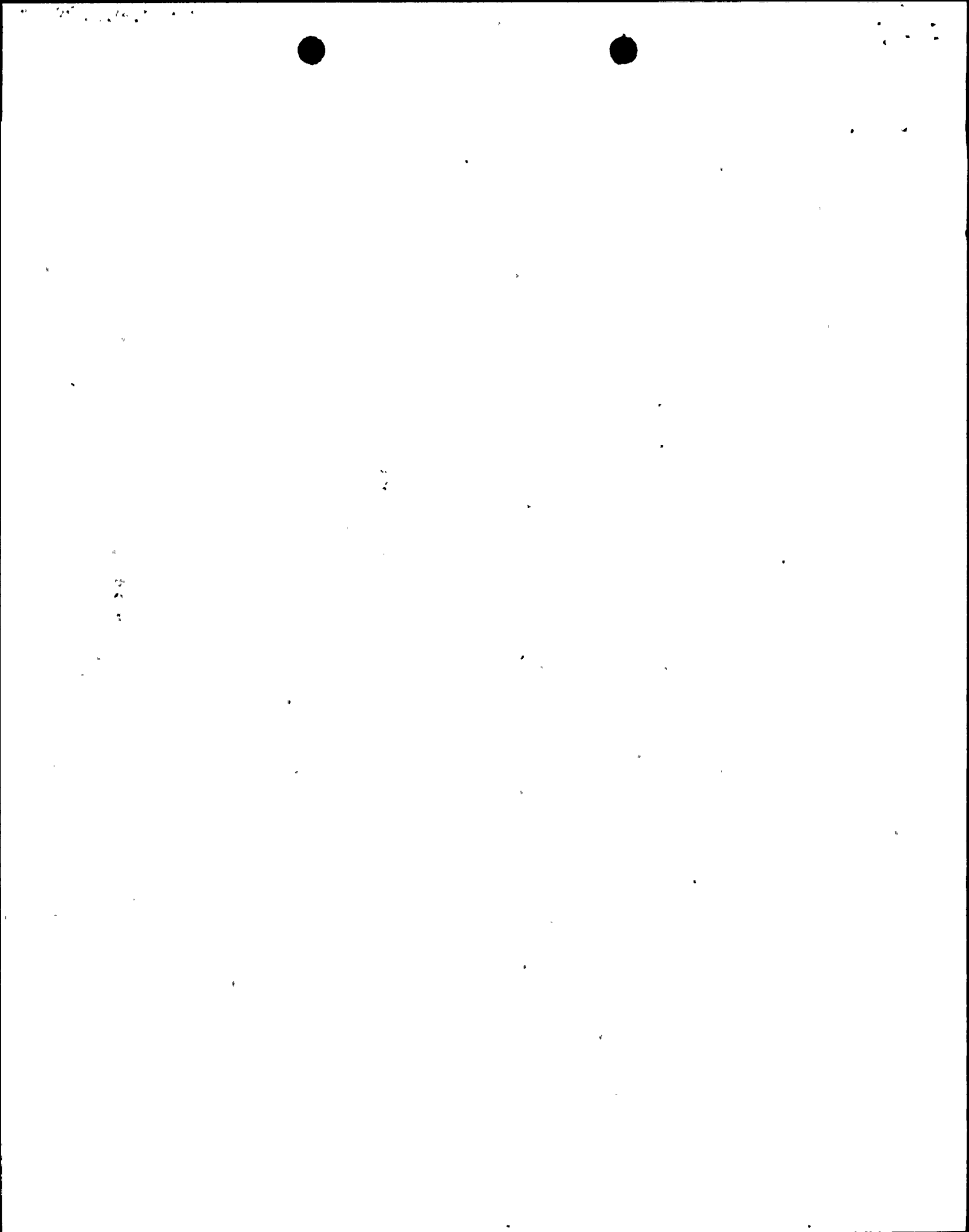
By letters dated October 16, 1985 and January 6, 1986, the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E or the licensee) submitted a proposed license amendment for Facility Operating License No. DPR-18 for the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (the facility). The January 6th submittal completely replaced the October 16th submittal; therefore, the following evaluation is of the January 6, 1986 submittal. The license amendment changes the Technical Specifications (TS) in regard to facility and corporate organization, changes management titles and enables the formation of a new facility operating group.

EVALUATION

RG&E submitted this application to change the TS based on changes to the corporate management organization brought about by the sudden death of the Senior Vice President, Operations. Previously, Vice Presidents reported to the Senior Vice President, Operations, now they report directly to the President as the position of Senior VP, Operations has been removed from the corporate management organization. This change shortens the reporting path from the Manager, Quality Assurance to the upper corporate management levels and results in an increase in corporate attention to quality assurance. In addition, the Quality Assurance (QA) organization will now be a responsibility of the Executive Vice President. This change will make the QA organization independent of the design, construction and other engineering functions. We conclude that the corporate organizational changes as related to the QA organization provide more independence to the QA organization and also provide more direct upper corporate level management involvement and are therefore acceptable.

The plant organization responsible for quality programs is the Nuclear Assurance Group.

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The roles of the above organizations, Quality Assurance and Nuclear Assurance, are as follows. The QA organization is a corporate organization responsible for establishing and assuring implementation of a quality program that meets the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants." The Nuclear Assurance organization is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the quality program at the station and is independent of the QA organization and will report to the Superintendent, Nuclear Production. However, the QA organization will monitor program implementation through review of station procedures and related audits. We conclude that the portion of the reorganization related to QA and Nuclear Assurance will provide greater management attention to plant quality programs and is therefore acceptable.

There are other changes in the plant organization. The Superintendent, Nuclear Production, the equivalent to a plant manager's position, now reports directly to the Vice President, Electric and Steam Production. Two new positions have been created, that of Superintendent-Ginna Production and Superintendent-Ginna Support Services, who report to the Superintendent, Nuclear Production. The new Plant Operations organization reports directly to the Superintendent-Ginna Production. The position of Assistant Superintendent has been eliminated. The Health Physics and Chemistry Manager, the Maintenance Manager, and the Operation Manager will report to the Superintendent-Ginna Production. The Technical Manager and the Materials Supervisor will report to the Superintendent-Ginna Support Services. We conclude that these changes will make the day-to-day operation of the station more effective by creating a group to concentrate on operations, maintenance and health physics and chemistry and are therefore acceptable.

OVERALL CONCLUSION ON REORGANIZATION

Based on the above, we conclude that the reorganization will increase management attention regarding the operation of the plant, will increase effectiveness of the plant staff and enhance both corporate level and plant quality programs and therefore the reorganization is acceptable.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves a change to requirements with respect to Administrative Controls. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(7). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

The staff 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; and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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