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Docket No. 50-271

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Albert A. Cree, President
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Change No. 8
License No. DPR-28

Gentlemen:

Your letter dated April 9, 1973, proposed changes to the Technical Specifications of Facility License No. DPR-28 for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station that would allow the supervisory control room operator and the control room operator to hold either an AEC Operator or Senior Operator license. The proposed change would permit the plant management to select the most qualified Licensed Operator to perform the duties of the Supervisory Control Room Operator.

During our review, we informed your staff that certain modifications to the proposed change were necessary to meet regulatory requirements. These modifications have been made.

We have reviewed your request and reasons for the change. Since the responsibility for safe operation of the plant during any given shift is vested in the Shift Supervisor who must be a Licensed Senior Operator (LSO), the qualifications of the Licensed Operator (LO) that holds the position of Supervisory Control Room Operator (SCRO) need not be associated with the qualifications of an LSO. Therefore, we agree that your plant management should select the most qualified of the LOs on duty during a shift to perform the duties of the SCRO without regard to whether that person is an LO or an LSO.

We have modified your request by indicating in Table 6.1.2 of the Technical Specifications for the Vermont Yankee plant that the minimum requirements for the person performing the duties of the SCRO or the Control Room Operator are those associated with an LO. Since 10 CFR Part 55 recognizes operator and senior operator licenses, we have removed reference to reactors in such licenses from Table 6.1.2. Since the requirements associated with manager and supervisory positions,

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i.e., Plant Superintendent, Assistant Plant Superintendent, Technical Assistant to Plant Superintendent, and Reactor Engineer, are given in ANSI N18.1-1971 and must be met in accordance with Specification 6.1.C.4, these positions have been deleted from Table 6.1.2 and associated footnotes. The remaining positions given in Table 6.1.2 are required to be filled by an LO or LSO.

We have concluded that your request can be authorized and determined that the proposed changes, as modified, do not involve significant hazards considerations and that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner.

Pursuant to Section 50.59 of 10 CFR Part 50, the Technical Specifications appended to Facility License No. DPR-28 are hereby changed by replacing the existing Table 6.1.2 with the enclosed revised Table 6.1.2.

Sincerely,

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Revised Table 6.1.2

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TABLE 6.1.2

Vermont Yankee staff positions that shall be filled by personnel holding Senior Operator and Operator licenses are indicated in the following table:

<u>Title</u>	<u>License</u>
Operations Supervisor	Senior Operator
Shift Supervisor	Senior Operator
Supervisory Control Room Operator	Operator
Control Room Operator	Operator

<u>MINIMUM SHIFT CREW PERSONNEL & LICENSE REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>Conditions</u>		
	<u>Normal Operation</u>	<u>Plant Startup</u>	<u>Cold Shutdown</u>
Shift Supervisor	(1)	(1)	-
Supervisory Control Room Operator	(1)	(1)	(1)
Control Room Operator	(1)	(1)	(1)
Auxiliary Operator	(2)	(2)	(1)
Senior Operators License	(1)	(1)	(1)
Operators License	(2)	(2)	(1)