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Docket No. 50-271

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SUBJECT: EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF UPDATED FSAR SUBMITTAL DATE

Re: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

The Commission has issued the enclosed Exemption from certain requirements of Section 50.71(e) of 10 CFR Part 50 in response to your letter dated May 30, 1984. This exemption which is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication, permits a six month extension in the date of compliance for submitting the updated FSAR. The granting of this exemption is based on our evaluation of the information contained in your May 30, 1984 letter.

This extension requires that your updated FSAR be submitted no later than November 30, 1984 and your next annual revision be submitted by November 30, 1985 with subsequent revisions submitted no less frequently than annually.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosure:  
Exemption

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The licensee states that the November 30, 1984 submittal will reflect plant conditions as of no more than six months prior to the date of filing (May 1, 1984), consistent with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.71, and that the subsequent update to the Vermont Yankee FSAR will be submitted no later than November 30, 1985.

The staff has evaluated the licensee's request for a four-month extension to the regulation that requires the Vermont Yankee FSAR be submitted by July 20, 1984. We believe that the extension of time is warranted to permit concentration of engineering resources on important safety-related work associated with the 1984 refueling outages. The staff has determined that good cause has been shown to support the exemption and therefore, the requested extension is acceptable.

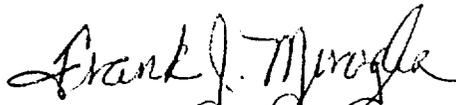
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Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the issuance of this exemption will have no significant impact on the environment (49 FR 31353).

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Division of Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,  
this 21st day of August, 1984



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