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Docket No. 50-271

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Dear Mr. Sinclair:

SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE REQUIREMENT FOR AN EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Re: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

The Commission has issued the enclosed one-time Exemption from the
scheduler requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F in response
to your letter dated December 16, 1982. This Exemption pertains to the
requirement to conduct an annual emergency preparedness exercise for the
year subsequent to your last full-scale exercise conducted on February 18, 1982.

A copy of the Exemption is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register
for publication.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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Vermont Yankee Nuclear
Power Corporation

(Vermont Yankee Nuclear
Power Station)

EXEMPTION

I.

The Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 which authorizes operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. This license provides, among other things, that it is subject to all rules, regulations and Orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

II.

Section IV.F of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 requires that an emergency preparedness exercise be conducted (at least) annually. The last full-scale emergency preparedness exercise at Vermont Yankee occurred February 18, 1982.

By letter dated December 16, 1982, the licensee stated that a schedule for the emergency exercise of no later than June 30, 1983, was developed at a meeting on September 14, 1982, between the licensee and representatives for the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Earlier proposed dates interfered with the licensee's annual refueling outage, scheduled to begin in March 1983, or was unacceptable to a particular state. Additionally, the licensee stated that within the past month, recent discussions with all parties including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) identified

the week of September 19, 1983, as a mutually acceptable date. Accordingly, the licensee requested a one-time exemption so that the Vermont Yankee 1983 Annual Emergency Plan Exercise may be conducted during the week of September 19, 1983.

The licensee has committed to continual training of personnel as outlined in the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation Emergency Plan to ensure that personnel remain familiar with emergency response duties. Therefore, the Vermont Yankee emergency plan will remain fully functional during the period of this one-time delay in performing the emergency preparedness drill. Based on this; and on the fact that the last full-scale exercise was held on February 18, 1982 and that the exercise demonstrated an acceptable level of preparedness; and our belief that the most effective and beneficial annual exercises are those involving full-scale participation of State and local government organizations, we find that a delay in performing the licensee's annual emergency preparedness exercise will not adversely affect the overall state of emergency preparedness at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant. We therefore conclude that an exemption should be granted.

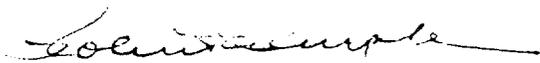
III.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby approves the following exemption:

The licensee is exempt from the requirement of Section IV.F of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 with respect to the requirement for conducting an annual emergency preparedness exercise and is required to conduct the next emergency preparedness exercise no later than September 30, 1983.

The NRC staff has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


Robert A. Purple, Deputy Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 1st day of March 1983.