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We have found that your request provides no technical basis that warrants further staff review. Our letter dated November 24, 1980, identified the open items concerning the fire protection features of your facility. These items were identified in the SER supporting Amendment No. Ol to your Facility Operating License No. NPF-6 dated September 1, 1978. The SER identifies these items as certain planned modifications for which the NRC staff required additional information in the form of design details, test results, or acceptance criteria to assure that the modifications would be acceptable. We have not found the additional information which was provided on these items to be a basis for finding the modification acceptable. We have informed you of this and you have not provided any additional technical information which would provide a basis for finding the modifications acceptable.

Your letter da^ted March 19, 1981, provided no additional technical information. Therefore, we deny your request for exemption from Appendix R Sections III G&L.

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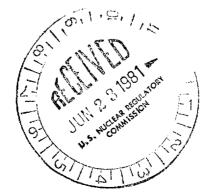
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