

operators and senior reactor operators on certain control manipulations. Simulator training of Yankee-Rowe licensed operators was last conducted on a non-plant specific simulator from September 1989 to October 1989. Yankee-Rowe anticipates having a plant specific simulator available for operator training on or about October 1, 1990. The required training would commence when the simulator is available, and the required training in control manipulations would be completed by March 1, 1991. The exemption from the requirements of the regulations would therefore be for a period of about five months.

Immediate compliance with the annual training requirement would entail all the licensed operators traveling to a non-plant specific simulator in Illinois and covering all twelve evolutions in a time span of 30 hours of simulator time for each crew. With the imminent arrival of the plant specific simulator, the licensee believes more effective and thorough training can be provided using the combination of control room based job performance measures, static simulator walkthroughs and, once it is available for training, the plant specific simulator.

Requiring the licensee's operators to travel to the non-plant specific simulator would result in the completion of the simulator training on time. However, since the quality of the training the operators would receive by performing the control manipulations on a plant specific simulator would be higher, it would be in the public interest to grant this exemption.

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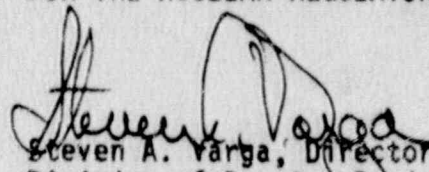
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