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DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
ATTENTION DARRELL G EISENHUT DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF LICENSING  
US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC 20555

DOCKET 50-312  
RANCHO SECO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
UNIT 1  
EXEMPTION REQUEST - VESSEL HEAD VENTS

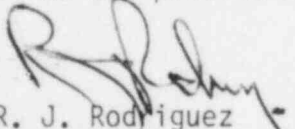
On July 2, 1982, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44(c)(3)(iii) pertaining to the installation of a reactor vessel head vent.

Your letter of February 22, 1983, requests information for your use in considering the granting of an extension to the implementation deadline. The following is in response to the four items in your letter:

1. The District, as a member of the B&W Owners Group, does commit to participate in the performance of an Integral System Test which will demonstrate the efficacy of noncondensable gas removal through other high point vents during a cooldown.
2. At this time, we feel that appropriate test data will be available from the projected 2 x 4 test program in late 1986. Data certification and bench marking will take approximately three more months. We, therefore, feel that a commitment of April 1, 1987, is realistic for this submittal.
3. We are presently in a refueling outage and do commit to have the hotleg vents installed and declared operable, have procedures in place and operators trained for using these vents to vent noncondensable gas trapped in the reactor vessel head prior to startup.
4. A safety analysis regarding the interim use of the above procedures will be performed prior to startup and will be submitted for your review prior to the same startup.

If we can provide any additional information, please advise.

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