

September 28, 1984

Docket No. 50-271

Mr. R. W. Capstick
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Dear Mr. Capstick:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT 1 TO NUREG-0737, REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION
OF COMMISSION ORDER DATED JUNE 12, 1984

Re: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

By letters dated June 12, 1984, and August 22, 1984, you requested that we extend the completion dates for certain items contained in the Commission Order dated June 12, 1984, relating to Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737. The Commission Order allows an extension of time to be granted by the Director, Division of Licensing, for good cause shown.

In your June 12, 1984 submittal you requested that the date for submitting the final report describing how Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.97 requirements of Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737 have or will be met and for providing an implementation schedule for the RG 1.97 requirements be extended from August 1984 to October 1984. You stated that your request for schedular extension was because of the need to concentrate engineering resources on efforts associated with the 1984 refueling outage, which commenced on June 16, 1984 and extended until August 6, 1984. A number of significant and extensive engineering modifications, including several important to safety (e.g., environmental qualification of safety-related electrical equipment and inspection and repair of reactor coolant piping for intergranular stress corrosion cracking (IGSCC)) were performed during this outage. Deferring the engineering associated with RG 1.97 allowed concentration of engineering resources on other activities important to safety. We find that the proposed schedule is consistent with a proper prioritization of safety-related work activities, and thus, we find that you have shown a good faith effort. Therefore, in accordance with the terms of the June 12, 1984 Commission Order, we conclude that there is adequate justification for modification of the Commission's Order and hereby grant the delay requested in your letter dated June 12, 1984.

In regard to your August 22, 1984 submittal, you requested that the date for implementing the Upgraded Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) be extended from February 1, 1985 to June 1, 1985. You stated that the delay is principally due to the unavailability of simulator time to complete

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training operators on the procedures. You stated that the proposed delay in implementation of the EOPs in no way affects the completion date for the overall program of Emergency Response Capability. The EOPs have been drafted and are currently in final review, and thus we find that you have made a good faith effort. Therefore, in accordance with the terms of the June 12, 1984 Commission Order, we conclude that there is adequate justification for modification of the Commission's Order and hereby grant the requested delay for implementing the upgraded EOPs.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Darrell G. Eisenhut

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
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