## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of	) Docket No.	50-271
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 50.71(e) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires the licensees of nuclear power reactors to submit an updated Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) within 24 months of July 22, 1980 (effective date of regulation) with subsequent revisions no less frequently then annually. The most recent update of the Vermont Yankee FSAR was submitted July 20, 1983, and the next FSAR revision is due no later than July 20, 1984.

By letter dated May 30, 1984, the licensee requested approval to defer the July 20, 1984 FSAR submittal until no later than November 30. 1984, with subsequent updates no less frequently than annually thereafter.

The basis for the licensee's request is to allow the licensee to concentrate engineering resources on efforts associated with the 1984

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The licensee states that the November 30, 1984 submittal will reflect plant conditions as of no more than six months prior to the date of filing (May 1, 1984), consistent with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.71, and that the subsequent update to the Vermont Yankee FSAR will be submitted no later than November 10, 1985.

The staff has evaluated the licensee's request for a four-month extension to the regulation that requires the Vermont Yankee FSAR be submitted by July 20, 1984. We believe that the extension of time is warranted to permit concentration of engineering resources on important safety-related work associated with the 1984 refueling outages. The staff has determined that good cause has been shown to support the exemption and therefore, the requested extension is acceptable.

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 of the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby approves the following exemption from compliance with the July 20, 1984 date for submitting an updated FSAR:

A revision of the original FSAR containing those original pages that are still applicable plus new replacement pages shall be filed by November 30, 1984. This revision shall bring the FSAR up to date as of a maximum of 6 months prior to the date of filing the revision. The next revision shall be filed no later than November 30, 1984 with subsequent revisions no less frequently than annually thereafter.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the issuance of this exemption will have no significant impact on the environment (49 FR 31353).

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 21st day of August, 1984

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