

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 134 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-28 VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION DOCKET NO. 50-271

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 27, 1991, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for two changes to the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would (1) delete specific supervisory titles from a section of the Technical Specifications relative to the composition of the Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC) and authorize the Plant Manager to appoint members, and (2) reinstate the surveillance requirement for testing the automatic closure of primary containment isolation valves.

2.0 EVALUATION

The first proposed change has been processed by a separate letter, dated

The second proposed change restores the requirement to perform surveillance testing on primary containment isolation valves. The surveillance requirement was inadvertently deleted as a result of a previous amendment to the license. The surveillance requirement will be restored in its entirety, exactly as previously worded. This item is administrative in nature.

This proposed change has been reviewed by the Vermont Yankee Plant Operations Review Committee, and the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Safety and Audit Review Committee.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Vermont State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 and changes surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (57 FR 2603). Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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