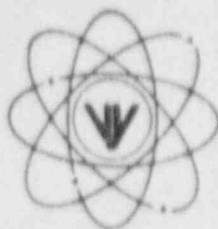


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References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter VYNPC to USNRC, FVY 85-102, dated October 31, 1985, Request for Exemption - 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979
(c) Letter USNRC to VYNPC, Nvy 86-240, dated December 1, 1986, Exemption from Appendix R to 10 CFR 50 Concerning Automatic Fire Suppression, Separation and Repair

Subject: Request for Cancellation of Exemption from Appendix R to 10 CFR 50 Concerning Hot Shutdown Repairs - Fuse Replacement


In Reference (b) VYNPC requested exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix R to permit hot shutdown repairs. Specifically an exemption was requested to permit replacement of control circuit fuses for certain safe shutdown loads. Reference (c) granted the requested exemption to permit fuse replacement for the RCIC and RHR system components.

Vermont Yankee has implemented design modifications and implemented procedure training to eliminate the need to replace control power fuses to meet Appendix R hot shutdown requirements. As a result, VYNPC no longer requires the exemption granted in Reference (c) and hereby requests its cancellation.

We trust that the information provided is acceptable; however, should you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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