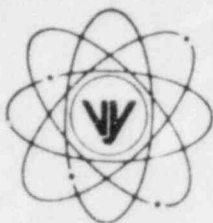


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Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
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References: (a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
(b) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, NVY 83-48, dated March 14, 1983
(c) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, WYV 80-170, dated December 15, 1980
(d) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, FVY 82-61, dated May 27, 1982
(e) Letter, USNRC to All Power Reactor Applicants and Licensees, Generic Letter 82-18, dated October 12, 1982

Subject: Withdrawal of Commitment Regarding NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.3

Dear Sir:

By Reference (b) you forwarded an Order confirming commitments we made for certain post-TMI related items set forth in NUREG-0737. The purpose of this letter is to withdraw a commitment made with regard to Item I.A.3.1, Licensing Examination Criteria. Specifically, we committed via Reference (c), and reconfirmed via Reference (d), to include simulator examinations as part of our operator license examination program. Because Vermont Yankee does not have a plant-specific simulator, we agreed to make the necessary arrangements with an appropriate simulator training center to provide time for these examinations.

We have since been informed via Generic Letter 82-18 [Reference (e)] that the Commission has approved staff recommendations, detailed in SECY 82-232, which delete the requirement for use of simulator examinations as part of the operator license examination program for those facilities which do not have a plant-specific simulator. We concur with the staff's findings and have subsequently revised our operator license examination program to delete provisions for simulator examinations.

We understand that the staff is presently conducting an evaluation of the future role of simulators in operator training and examinations. This effort is scheduled to be complete by July 1983 and may result in promulgation of a revision to 10CFR Part 55, Operators' Licenses. Pending the outcome of the staff's efforts, we will assess the need to modify our operator license examination program.

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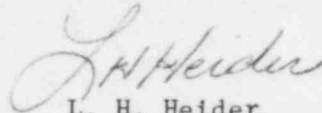
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In light of the issuance of the Confirmatory Order discussed above, we hereby request that you formally revise the Order to reflect the withdrawal of our commitment made for Item I.A.3.1.

Should you have any questions in this matter, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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