

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION



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REPLY TO:

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May 29, 1984

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing

References: a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)
b) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, I&E Information Notice
84-05, Revision 1, dated 3/28/84
c) Letter, VYNPC to USNRC, FVY 84-10, dated 2/13/84

Dear Sir:

Subject: Request for Exemption - Emergency Plan Annual Exercise

In accordance with the provisions of 10CFR50.12, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation hereby requests an exemption from the requirements of 10CFR50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities". Specifically, we are requesting an exemption from Section IV.F.1 of Appendix E, which requires a nuclear power facility to conduct an annual emergency preparedness exercise and to include participation by appropriate state and local governments.

As discussed in Reference c), our 1984 annual exercise is scheduled to be conducted on November 14, 1984. However, we have recently been notified by the State of Vermont (letter dated March 30, 1984, Attachment A), that they are withdrawing their previous commitment to participate in our 1984 exercise. Their withdrawal has received the concurrence of the other two affected states (Massachusetts and New Hampshire). A copy of the March 30, 1984 letter has been forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region I.

The basis for our exemption request is as follows:

- 1) FEMA's evaluation of the 1983 Vermont Yankee annual exercise, held on September 21, 1983, indicated that the state and local government participation reflected an adequate or above average capability to respond to an off-site emergency at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station;

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- 2) The State of Vermont and Commonwealth of Massachusetts will participate in the Yankee Atomic Electric Company at Rowe emergency preparedness exercise to be conducted on August 22, 1984. The State of New Hampshire will participate in the 1985 exercises for Vermont Yankee and Seabrook.

Based on the demonstrated adequacy of the participating state and local governments in the 1983 exercise, we believe that overall emergency preparedness at our site will not be impaired by the lack of state and local participation in the 1984 exercise.

We trust that this request will be deemed acceptable; however, should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

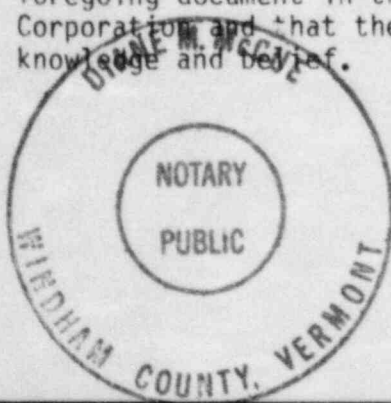
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Warren P. Murphy
Warren P. Murphy
Vice President and
Manager of Operations

WPM/dm

STATE OF VERMONT)
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WINDHAM COUNTY)

Then personally appeared before me, W.P. Murphy, who, being duly sworn, did state that he is Vice President and Manager of Operations of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing document in the name and on the behalf of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Diane M. McCue
Diane M. McCue Notary Public
My Commission Expires February 10, 1987

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ATTACHMENT A

30 March 1984

Dorsey Holsinger
Radiation Protection Group
Yankee Atomic Electric Company
1671 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01701

Dear Dorsey:

Regarding the next scheduled exercises for Vermont Yankee and Yankee (Rowe), we believe the following are acceptable from Vermont's perspective:

Vermont Yankee: April 1985 - full scale exercise.

Yankee (Rowe): 22 August 1984 - full scale or mini exercise.

We have had discussions with both the other states regarding these dates. New Hampshire also had reservations with the previously proposed November 1984 date for Vermont Yankee. The April 1985 date is agreeable with them. Our discussions with Massachusetts indicate that they will be willing to consider the proposed date for Vermont Yankee. Relative to the Yankee (Rowe) exercise, the date has approval from both affected states. Vermont will abide by Massachusetts decision as to the scale to be used. The Vermont Yankee proposed date has been orally communicated to FEMA - Region I.

From the standpoint of Vermont, the previously proposed November 1984 date for Vermont Yankee was unsuitable for a number of reasons. The final word on this however, originated from the Governor's office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George L. Lowe".
George L. Lowe
Deputy Director

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cc: Richard Strome, NHCDA
Robert Boulay, MCDA
Edward Thomas, FEMA Region I
Commissioner Paul R. Philbrook, VTCD