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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

December 15, 1980

ALL OPERATING REACTOR LICENSEES

Gentlemen:

RE: PERIODIC UPDATING OF FINAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORTS (FSARs)

The Commission approved the rule 50.71(e) (copy enclosed) entitled, "Periodic Updating of Final Safety Analysis Reports" and published the rule in the Federal Register on May 9, 1980. The rule became effective on July 22, 1980.

In accordance with the rule, licensees of Systematic Evaluation Program (SEP) plants have been notified by separate letters that they need not comply with the provisions of the rule until the program has been completed.

For non-SEP plants, the rule requires submittal of the updated FSAR within 24 months of either July 22, 1980, or the date of issuance of the operating license, whichever is later.

Although the rule is essentially self-explanatory, several questions have been asked regarding the FSAR's legal status, format and content, and we have provided the enclosed guidance.

Further questions should be directed to the Project Manger for your facility.

Sincerely,

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
Division of Licensing

Enclosures:  
As Stated