

EA-01-029

March 13, 2001

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SUBJECT: PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE ON NRC SPECIAL
INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-128/2000-202, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
NUCLEAR SCIENCE CENTER REACTOR

Dear Dr. Russell:

This letter is follow-up to our letter of February 26, 2001, that transmitted Inspection Report No. 50-128/2000-202 and identified two apparent violations. In that letter, we said that an open predecisional enforcement conference to discuss the apparent violations would be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date. Based on discussions with your staff, we have scheduled this conference for March 29, 2001, as indicated in the enclosed meeting notice. The NRC will issue a press release to announce the conference.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Ledyard B. Marsh, Chief
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Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-128
License No. R-83

Enclosure: Meeting notice

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NOTICE OF LICENSEE MEETING

Name of Licensee: Texas A&M University
Name of Facility: Nuclear Science Center (NSC) Reactor
Docket: 50-128
EA No.: EA-01-029
Date and Time of Meeting: March 29, 2001
10:00 a.m. to noon (EST)
Location of Meeting: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint
Conference Room O4-B6
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20858-2738
Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this Predecisional Enforcement Conference is to discuss two apparent violations of transportation requirements involving failure to properly secure a transportation cask and failure to properly train workers in the shipment of this cask. The apparent violations are documented in NRC Inspection Report No. 50-128/2000-202.
NRC Attendees: D. Matthews, Director, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
L. Marsh, Chief, Events Assessment, Generic Communications and Non-Power Reactors Branch (REXB)
M. Mendonca, Senior Project Manager, REXB
S. Holmes, Reactor Inspector, REXB
R. Benedict, Senior Reactor Systems Engineer, REXB
T. Reis, Acting Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
C. Nolan, Enforcement Specialist, Office of Enforcement
Licensee Attendees: G. Williams, Assistant Director, Texas Engineering Experiment Station
D. Reece, Director, Nuclear Science Center

NOTES:

- (1) This meeting is open to attendance by members of the general public.
- (2) NRC personnel, not listed above, that desire to attend this meeting should notify Stephen Holmes at 301-415-8583 by COB on March 23, 2001.

Approved By: */RA/*
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