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REFERENCE: Docket 50-186

University of Missouri Research Reactor

License R-103

SUBJECT:

Submittal Required by 10CFR50.64(c)(2)(ii) with Respect to Federal Funding for

Conversion

The University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) has applied for a unique purpose exemption pursuant to 10CFR50.64(c)(1) in a letter dated September 26, 1986. This application, plus additional supporting information is currently under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Since this review process is ongoing, the MURR is complying with 10CFR50.64(c)(2)(ii) by submitting a copy of the Department of Energy letter to MURR, dated March 23, 2001, when it is received. This letter will notify MURR that Federal funds for conversion of our reactor will not be available during fiscal year 2001.

This submittal and the forthcoming DOE letter constitutes MURR's response for fiscal year 2001. The MURR will respond again prior to March 27, 2002 as per 10CFR50.64(c)(2), unless Nuclear Regulatory Commission makes a determination that our facility should be granted a unique purpose exemption.

Sincerely,

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