

March 27, 2002

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE - GE NUCLEAR ENERGY LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT
NEDC-32721P, "APPLICATION METHODOLOGY FOR THE GENERAL
ELECTRIC STACKED-DISC ECCS SUCTION STRAINER," REVISION 2
(TAC NO. MB3311)

Dear Mr. Klapproth:

By your letter dated October 30, 2001, and affidavit dated October 29, 2001, executed by George B. Stramback of General Electric Company (GE) you submitted Licensing Topical Report NEDC-32721P, "Application Methodology for the General Electric Stacked-Disc ECCS Suction Strainer," Revision 2, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790. A non-proprietary copy of this document was submitted by your letter dated January 16, 2002, and has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems Publicly Available Records System (ADAMS PARS) Library.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- b. Information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product;
- e. Information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Mr. James F. Klapproth

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Therefore, Licensing Topical Report NEDC-32721P, "Application Methodology for the General Electric Stacked-Disc ECCS Suction Strainer," Revision 2, marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1131.

Sincerely,

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