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Mr. Jack Kennedy, Program Engineer
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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

SUBJECT: NRC STAFF REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 12 TO GENERAL ATOMICS' QUALITY ASSURANCE TOPICAL REPORT GA-A13010A/GA-LTR-11

This letter is in response to your letter of November 3, 1993, which forwarded Amendment 12 to General Atomics' Quality Assurance Topical Report, GA-A13010A/GA-LTR-11, "General Atomics Quality Assurance Program," in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4(b)(7)(ii). The quality assurance program description contained in your submittal was reviewed in accordance with the acceptance criteria provided in Chapter 17 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan."

You stated in your letter that General Atomics has implemented a quality assurance program which reflects a reduction in your scope of current business activities and that your previous commitment to the Regulatory Guides associated with those activities has been rescinded.

Subsequent to a preliminary review, the staff contacted Mr. M. G. Dunlap, Manager, Quality Systems, General Atomics, on December 1 and 9, 1993, with specific questions/comments relative to the removal of the Regulatory Guides and to the applicability of NQA-1 to your program. Based on these conversations, it was established that portions of the Topical Report would be revised to incorporate comments made by the staff and that an updated copy of Amendment 12 to General Atomics' Quality Assurance Topical Report, GA-A13010A/GA-LTR-11 would be resubmitted accordingly.

The staff has completed its review of your Topical Report, as resubmitted on December 9, 1993, and has concluded that the proposed changes constitute a reduction in commitments in the quality assurance program description previously approved by the NRC and that only those portions of the General Atomics Quality Assurance Program that are not related to construction, operations, maintenance, or other activities at facilities licensed by the NRC will continue to meet the applicable provisions of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B.

Therefore, Amendment 12 to the subject Topical Report is acceptable to the NRC staff subject to the following conditions:

- i. Prior to resuming construction, operations, maintenance or other related activities at facilities licensed by the NRC, General Atomics is required to submit a revised Topical Report in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4(b)(7)(ii), and

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- ii. Pursuant to Paragraph 71.101(f) of Subpart H to 10 CFR 71, General Atomics is required to notify the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, USNRC, of its intent to apply its conditionally approved Appendix B program to transportation activities, and
- iii. General Atomics will be required to issue a copy of this acceptance letter to all holders of General Atomics' Quality Assurance Topical Report, GA-A13010A/GA-LTR-11.

Any questions should be addressed to Robert A. Gramm or Robert M. Latta of my staff at (301) 504-1010 or (301) 504-1023, respectively.



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