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SUBJECT: RADIOLOGICAL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR GENERAL ATOMICS
(TAC NOS. MB6404 AND MB6405)

Dear Dr. Asmussen:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated September 13, 2002, which transmitted changes to the Radiological Contingency Plan for General Atomics submitted under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(q).

Based on your determination that the changes do not decrease the overall effectiveness of your emergency plan, and that it continues to meet the requirements of applicable parts of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50, NRC approval is not required. Our initial screening of these changes using NUREG-0849, "Standard Review Plan for the Review and Evaluation of Emergency Plans for Research and Test Reactors" indicates them to be in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q) and that your plan continues to meet the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. Implementation of these changes will be subject to inspection to confirm that they did not decrease the effectiveness of your emergency plan.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1127.

Sincerely,

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