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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Attention: Document Control Desk Mail Station P1-37 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Federal funding for conversion of low enrichment uranium fuel

Enclosed is a copy of the DOE letter stating that Federal funding under the Department of Energy University of Reactor Fuel Assistance program for conversion of the MURR to low enrichment uranium fuel will not be available during fiscal year 2003.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Butler, P.E.

Interim Director

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cc: Mr. Alexander Adams, Jr., Senior Project Manager, NRR/PDNP

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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

February 21, 2003

Mr. Ralph Butler University of Missouri - Columbia Research Reactor Facility Columbia, Missouri 65211

Dear Mr. Butler:

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.64, "Limitations on the Use of Highly Enriched Uranium in Domestic Non-Power Reactors," you are hereby notified that Federal funding under the Department of Energy University Reactor Fuel Assistance Program for conversion of your reactor to low enrichment uranium fuel will not be available during Fiscal Year 2003.

You will be notified in the event these circumstances change.

Sincerely,

John Gutteridge, Program Director

for Nuclear Power Systems

Office of Nuclear Energy,