



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899

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Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Docket Number 50-184

We were informed by the Department of Energy that funding for the conversion of the NIST reactor to LEU will not be available at any time in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, a schedule for conversion of the NBSR cannot be submitted at this time.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gallagher
Director, NIST Center for Neutron Research

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