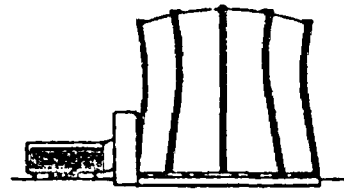


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The Texas A&M University Nuclear Science Center (NSC) submitted an Application for Renewal of License No. R-83 on February 27, 2003. To date you have sent one formal request for clarification on the 2003 SAR dated February 17th, 2005. I have responded to that request.

You have also sent three other requests for information as attachments to e-mails. I have seen none of these in the form of a "formal" request for information. I don't know if they have not been formally submitted, are in the mail, or are being held up on someone's desk here at TAMU. I have been working towards answering these questions as time permits.

As you are aware, the Nuclear Science Center is in the process of converting to LEU. This is a very laborious process involving my reactor supervisor, Brad Smith, and other members of the NSC, including myself. Also, as a result a number of changes as they pertain to a fuel conversion will be made to the 2003 SAR.

Given the aforementioned, I am requesting that the agency suspend the formal, short term requests for information on the pending SAR, including any formal requests that I have not received. Instead, I propose that the agency continue to forward questions with respect to the SAR as they are formulated. I will then work toward providing answers, as time permits, but at the latest all responses will be provided with the submittal of the SAR changes associated with the fuel conversion.

If there are any questions or concerns with this response please contact me at (979) 845-7551, and/or e-mail me at jaremlinger@tamu.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,


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