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Reference: Letter B. E. Thomas, NRC, to R. O. Berry, TAMU, "Request for Additional Information – Security Measures for Research and Test Reactors with Licensed Power Levels Less Than 2 Megawatts, Which Have Not Received Confirmatory Action Letters," October 7, 2005.

Dear Mr. Mendonca:

This letter is to request a thirty-day extension of the deadline for response to the Request for Additional Information (RAI) made in the reference letter. The reference letter was received by Texas A&M University (TAMU) on October 13, 2005. It stated that response to the RAI should be mailed within 30 days of that date. The extension would allow our response to be submitted no later than December 12, 2005. The basis for our request for extension is the Reactor Supervisor to whom the RAI was addressed terminated his employment with TAMU several days prior to our receipt of the RAI as I have previously notified you. The subsequent interim assignment of responsibilities and current personnel replacement have impeded our timely response.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please telephone me at (979) 845-1670 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: William S. Charlton, TAMU Laboratories Manager
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