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LICENSEE: Combustion Engineering, Inc. (CE)
Hematite, Missouri

SUBJECT: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED OCTOBER 23, 1989

By letter dated October 23, 1989, CE requested an amendment to License No. SNM-33 to authorize the use of natural uranium (source material) for testing the blending operation of the new pellet line. An Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact have already been issued for the new pellet lines. This assessment included operations with enriched uranium. Testing with depleted uranium has been approved. Testing the system with natural uranium will not have greater impact than those operations which have already been reviewed. The use of natural uranium along with the depleted uranium will not cause any adverse impact to the environment or to the public health and safety. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22c(11), neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted for the proposed action.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original Signed By

Leland C. Rouse, Chief
Fuel Cycle Safety Branch
Division of Industrial and
Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS

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Combustion Engineering, Inc.
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P.O. Box 107
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the amendment application dated October 23, 1989, and pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 70, Materials License No. SNM-33 is hereby amended to authorize the use of uranium source material in the Building 254 pellet production lines. Accordingly, Condition 9 is revised to include the date of October 23, 1989.

All other conditions of the license shall remain the same.

Revised License No. SNM-33, incorporating Amendment No. 14, and our Safety Evaluation Report are enclosed.

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Leland C. Rouse, Chief
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Enclosures:
1. Revised License No. SNM-33
2. Safety Evaluation Report

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