

May 19, 2006

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SUBJECT: NRC APPROVAL OF MDS NORDION'S REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Charette:

By letter dated April 21, 2006, MDS Nordion (Nordion) submitted revised pages to the F-430/GC-40 Safety Analysis Report, Docket No. 71-9290, for the Model No F-430/GC-40 package. The April 21, 2006, submittal contained proprietary and non-proprietary versions of revised pages to the SAR. The non-proprietary version of the revised SAR pages have been made available electronically for public inspection in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC's) Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). MDS Nordion requested that the proprietary version of the revised SAR pages be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390.

The letter included an affidavit executed by G. R. Malkoske on the same date, which requested the following be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390:

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The affidavit states that the submitted information should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reason:

1. The information sought to be withheld is owned and has been held in confidence by the owner.
2. The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by the owner and not disclosed to the public.
3. The information was transmitted and received by the Commission in confidence.
4. Public disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the owner.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted

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information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents.

If the basis for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your withheld information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-8500.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jose R. Cuadrado, Project Engineer
Spent Fuel Project Office
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