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Attention: Mr. J. A. McBride, Director
Division of Materials Licensing

Subject: Emergency Plans

Reference: (a) AEC Letter McBride to Keller dated March 6, 1968

Dear Mr. McBride:

We are pleased that you have asked the Martin Marietta Corporation to participate in the re-evaluation of your guidelines for the scope of plans and procedures required to cope with emergency situations arising from possible criticality accidents. We regret, however, that we can contribute little additional information to that which has already been submitted in our renewal of Special Nuclear Material License No. 53.

During the past year we have made a concerted and successful effort to minimize our static uranium inventory and expect by May 15, 1968, to reach a total on-hand inventory compatible with the authorized quantity which does not require compliance with the regulations associated with emergency procedures. Such action also eliminates the need for an elaborate emergency plan and continued close contact with the local community.

Since we provide in-plant security, medical and fire protection services, outside assistance should be minimal and a full blown training program could create an unfounded fear about our actually very safe operations in Middle River. For these reasons, except for making essential agreements for cooperation with outside operations in case of need, we have not executed a formalized training program for the local community.

The formulation of the scope of any emergency program requires very concerted evaluation of the actual hazards which may present themselves during a specific operation. The approach must be realistic and, as always, the safety of personnel must be of prime concern.

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Since each operation and facility throughout the industry present different conditions and possible hazards, it is our belief that the licensee can best establish and administer a safety program for the handling of enriched uranium which will incorporate an emergency plan. How this action is accomplished and administered internally, whether by documented procedures or by close surveillance and an active training program, should also be the proprietary responsibility of the licensee organization. All of these actions must, of course, be within the general framework and criteria established by you and your staff.

We commend you on your effort in re-evaluating your guidelines concerning the scope of emergency plans toward the assurance that proper action will be taken in case of an emergency.

Very truly yours,

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