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Attention: Geoffrey Wertz

SUBJECT: Supplement to letter dated November 17th 2011: Request for the Amendment to the University of Utah TRIGA Reactor Technical Specification 3.5, Ventilation System, Specification 1, and to TS 4.4, Confinement, Basis

Dear Mr. Wertz:

This supplement letter provides marked-up pages that were omitted in letter dated November 17th 2011, and in addition it provides the proposed TS pages as attached.

Sincerely,

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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3.5 Ventilation System

Applicability

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Objective

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Specifications

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1. The pressure difference between the reactor room and outside of the Merrill Engineering Building is larger than 0.1 inches-of-water.
2. In the event of a substantial release of airborne radioactivity within the reactor area, the ventilation system will be secured or operated in the limited intake mode to prevent the release of a significant quantity of airborne radioactivity from the reactor area.

Basis

In the operational mode of the ventilation system, the air in the controlled access area (reactor room area) is constantly being exchanged. The air leaving the facility has a volumetric flow rate of more than 100 CFM per each of the two fume hoods. The result of this is a negative pressure of greater than 0.01 inches of water in the reactor room.

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Specification

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Because the ventilation system is the only equipment required to achieve confinement, operability checks of the ventilation system meet the functional testing requirements for confinement. The pressure difference between the reactor room and outside of the Merrill Engineering Building should be larger than 0.1 inches-of-water. To keep this pressure difference, two fume hoods should be operated with the flow rate of 90 CFM or higher. Current flow rate for two fume hoods are >100 CFM.

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