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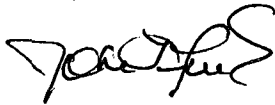
Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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REFERENCE: Docket Number 50-186
 University of Missouri-Columbia Research Reactor
 Amended Facility License R-103

SUBJECT: Federal Funding for the Conversion of the University of Missouri-Columbia
 Research Reactor from Highly-Enriched Uranium Fuel to Low-Enriched Uranium
 Fuel

Enclosed is a copy of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) letter stating Federal funding under the DOE's University Research Reactor Infrastructure Program for the conversion of the University of Missouri-Columbia Research Reactor (MURR) from highly-enriched uranium (HEU) to low-enriched uranium (LEU) fuel will not be available during fiscal year 2016.

Sincerely,



John L. Fruits
Reactor Manager

ENDORSEMENT:
Reviewed and Approved



Ralph A. Butler, P.E.
Director

Enclosure

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Feb 16, 2016

Mr. Ralph Butler
University of Missouri – Columbia
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Columbia, MO 65211

SUBJECT: Notification that No Federal Funding will be Available in Fiscal Year 2016 to Support the University of Missouri Research Reactor Conversion from Highly Enriched Uranium Fuel to Low-Enriched Uranium (NPD-16-014)

Dear Mr. Butler:

The University of Missouri's Research Reactor (MURR) applied for a unique purpose exemption as defined in 10 CFR Part 50.2, which is still under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.64, *Limitations on the Use of Highly Enriched Uranium in Domestic Non-Power Reactors*, MURR is required to send a letter annually to the NRC documenting if Federal funds are available to convert to low-enriched uranium (LEU) fuel.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.64, you are hereby notified that the Department of energy funding will not be available in FY 2016 for your conversion to LEU fuel.

You will be notified in the event these circumstances change. If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 526-3132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley Heath".

Bradley Heath
Research Reactor Infrastructure Program
Office of Nuclear Energy

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