



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 27-48

Dr. Thomas S. Baer
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Dear Dr. Baer:

As you know, we have under review your updated renewal application for handling and disposal of special nuclear material (SNM) at your disposal facility located in the Hanford Reservation near Richland, Washington (License No. 13-10042-01, Docket 27-48). License No. 13-10042-01 also presently licenses (1) operations at your disposal facility located near Sheffield, Illinois; (2) reception and possession of sealed packages of source, byproduct, and special nuclear material in any state of the United States except Agreement States (as defined in Section 150.3(b), 10 CFR 150); and (3) transportation of these sealed packages to authorized land burial sites for disposal. We intend--should a satisfactory finding on your renewal application for SNM disposal at Richland be made by us--to issue a new license number which will solely pertain to operations at the Richland site.

It is not clear to us whether you intend to continue receipt, possession, and transport of radioactive material in Non-Agreement States. If so, you must promptly provide us with a separate updated renewal application which solely pertains to such activities. If such an application is made by you, we intend to assign a new docket number to this application and--following our review of the application and assuming a satisfactory finding by us--assign a new license number. If we do not receive your renewal application by June 29, 1979, we will assume that you do not wish to renew this part of the present License 13-10042-01.

We have received your updated criticality analysis for SNM waste in storage. This analysis is under review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Dale Smith".

R. Dale Smith, Chief
Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch
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