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Recovery Systems  
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Gentlemen:

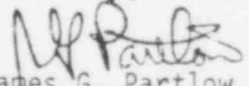
This is in response to your letter of June 11, 1979 in which you requested a sixteen day delay in reconciling the June 1979 physical inventories. Additional information was provided by you and Mr. Daigler during telephone conversations on June 20 and 21, 1979.

We have determined that the granting of a delay to perform all the activities required by 10 CFR 70.51(e)(4) will not adversely affect the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the following license condition is being added to Amendment MPP-2 to your Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-777, effective immediately, to provide a limited exception to 10 CFR 70.51(e)(4):

In lieu of the requirements of 10 CFR 70.51(e)(4) to complete certain activities within 30 calendar days after the June 4, 1979 physical inventory, the licensee shall complete the activities required by 10 CFR 70.51(e)(4) for high enriched uranium on or before July 18, 1979, provided all items are accounted for and the preliminary uranium Inventory Difference value is reported on or before July 6, 1979 to the NRC Region I Office. The licensee shall complete the activities required by 10 CFR 70.51(e)(4) for low enriched uranium on or before July 6, 1979.

We note that during the past twelve months you have requested four delays in reconciling physical inventories. We believe that you should review this aspect of your material control and accounting program and institute changes which will allow physical inventories to be reconciled in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

  
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