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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

April 30, 1979

License No. SUA-1139

Exxon Minerals Company, U.S.A.
Attn: Mr. F. P. Barrow, Jr.
President
Post Office Box 2180
Houston, Texas 77001

Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Mr. Lorenzo Wilborn of this office on March 28, 1979, concerning the reported airborne exposures of two welders to airborne soluble uranium.

Areas examined during the investigation and our findings are discussed in the enclosed investigation report. Within these areas, the investigation consisted of interviews with personnel and observations by the inspector.

No items of noncompliance were identified.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within twenty (20) days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons it is claimed that the information is proprietary. It should be prepared so that proprietary information identified is contained in a separate part of the document, since the application, excluding this separate part, will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please let me know. Sincerely,

Fuel Facility and Material Safety Branch

Enclosure:

IE Inspection Report No. 79-01