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LICENSE AMENDMENT #7

DEAR SIR:

THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. RAMOS AND OTHERS OF YOUR OFFICE ON 21 AUGUST 1979 CONCERNING THE REQUEST FOR A CHANGE TO OR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS RESULTED IN A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING DETECTION OF FIRE WITHIN THE NSCR FACILITY. IN OUR VIEW A FIRE RELATED TO THE HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS IN THE NEUTRON RADIOGRAPHY BEING PORT FACILITY DOES NO PRESENT A SAFETY QUESTION RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE NSCR, HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THE PROTECTION OF EQUIPMENT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SMOKE DETECTOR SYSTEM IS PRESENTLY UNDER STUDY. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE A SYSTEM SO THAT DETECTION OF SMOKE IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE CABLE TRAYS DIRECTLY BENEATH THE REACTOR CONTROL ROOM AND IN THE CENTRAL EXHAUST SYSTEM TO ESSENTIALLY MONITOR THE ENTIRE REACTOR BUILDING. WE EXPECT TO HAVE THIS SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SUFFIEICIENT TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW OF OUR REGEST FOR A LICENSE AMENDMENT.

SINCERELY,

SIGNED JOHN D RANDALL DIRECTOR NUCLEAR SCIENCE CENTER TEXAS A&M
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