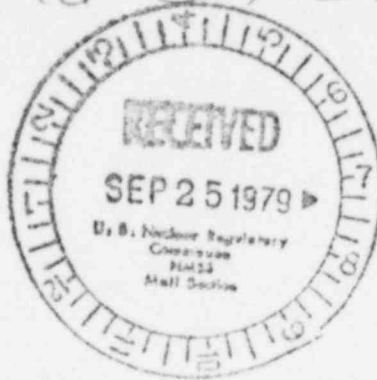


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Attn: Mr. Charles Hillman/Licensing Branch

Reference: 10 CFR 73.37 and NUREG-0561 Application:
Supplementary Input to Letter of September 6, 1979.

Route: 1) Southport, NC (Brunswick Reactor) to West
Jefferson, OH (Battelle Columbus Laboratories)

Dear Mr. Hillman:

At your request, I am notifying you in writing that the above referenced routes, previously submitted in my letter of September 6, 1979, have been reviewed by Tri State Motor Transit Company (TSMT). I notified Mr. Earl Routenkruger that the NRC has rejected TSMT's primary route. He has reviewed the alternate route as proposed by Battelle (BCL) and finds it acceptable. You have also stated that this route appears acceptable. A copy of this route is attached.

We urge you to assign this request for route approval a very high priority. Time is most important in this program of Evaluation Of The Stress and Ductility of Irradiated Zircalloy under USNRC contract FIN No. 4068. This contract expires in December, 1979. The material must be received at BCL, experimental work completed and report written by this date. We must ship in October, 1979, as originally stated, in order to accomplish this task. We cannot reserve or schedule a cask or cask handling operations until we receive your routing approval. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment: Route Plan

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