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Docket No. 70-820

United Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Bowers
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Wood River Junction, Rhode Island 02894

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 70-820/78-23 and Investigation 70-820/78-22

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Mr. E. Woltner of this office on October 27 - November 3, 1978 and to the investigation conducted by Dr. C. O. Gallina in September - November 1978 at United Nuclear Corporation, Recovery Systems, Wood River Junction, Rhode Island of activities authorized by NRC License No. SNM-777. The enforcement correspondence pertaining to the inspection and to the investigation has been provided separately to Mr. K. A. Cunningham, President, United Nuclear Corporation, from NRC Headquarters, by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice" Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed Investigation Report 70-820/78-22, modified as discussed in the following paragraph, will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

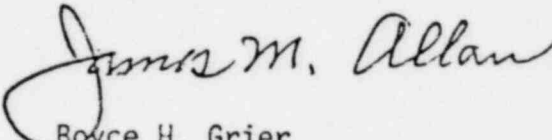
Additionally, in accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility security procedures are exempt from disclosure; therefore Section F of Investigation Report 70-820/78-23, which includes pages 47 through 59, will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution. Also, pages numbered 50, 54, 58 and 59 of Section F have been classified Confidential National Security Information and therefore receive even more limited distribution.

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Lastly, and again in accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Inspection Report 70-820/78-23 contains information that is exempt from disclosure; and in addition, Exhibits I through IX contain classified Confidential Restricted Data. Therefore, except for the report cover sheet, it also will not be placed in the public document room and will receive limited distribution.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection or investigation, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


Boyce H. Grier
Director

Enclosures:

1. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Investigation Report
Number 70-820/78-22 (Contains C-NSI and 2.790(d) Info)
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report
Number 70-820/78-23 (Contains C-RD and 2.790(d) Info)

cc:

- R. J. Gregg, Manager, Quality Assurance (w report cover sheets only)
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