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April 17, 1980

Mr. Charles E. MacDonald, Chief Transportation Certification Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, NMSS Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FOR SHIPPING PACKAGES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

Ref: Your letter to PNL dated February 7, 1980, same subject.

The referenced letter was received on February 15 and we have now revised our original OA description to include the comments you provided. Your letter indicated that our response should be in your hands 60 days from our receipt of your letter, which would have been April 15.

The revised program description has not received all internal reviews as of this date. We also anticipate that there may be some rewriting necessary. For these reasons, we would appreciate a thirty-day extension to May 15, 1980, for submission of the revised material.

We will appreciate receiving an acknowledgement that this extension is accentable to you.

Very truly yours,

J. Fuquay, Director Laboratory Support