

November 15, 1989

DOCKET NO: 70-36
LICENSEE: Combustion Engineering, Inc. (CE)
Hematite, Missouri
SUBJECT: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED
OCTOBER 23, 1989

By letter dated October 23, 1989, CE requested an amendment to License No. SNM-33 to authorize the use of natural uranium (source material) for testing the blending operation of the new pellet line. An Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact have already been issued for the new pellet lines. This assessment included operations with enriched uranium. Testing with depleted uranium has been approved. Testing the system with natural uranium will not have greater impact than those operations which have already been reviewed. The use of natural uranium along with the depleted uranium will not cause any adverse impact to the environment or to the public health and safety. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22c(11), neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted for the proposed action.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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