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Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Subject: Docket No. 70-734: SNM-696; Addendum to "Group 3" Report dated December 21, 1988

- References:
- 1) Asmussen, K. E., letter no. 696-1318 to Mr. Robert D. Thomas, "Request for Release of Selected Laboratories to Unrestricted Use (Group 3)," dated December 21, 1988.
 - 2) Cotten, P. R.. "Confirmatory Survey of Facilities in Buildings 2 and 9 / General Atomics / San Diego, California," Final Report ORAU 89/F-98, July 1989.

Dear Mr. Fish:

In December 1988, General Atomics (GA) submitted its final survey report in support of a request for a confirmatory survey of a group of laboratories in GA's Building 2 (Ref. 1). That group of science laboratories was referred to as "Group 3." Subsequent to that request, GA requested that three additional laboratory rooms and an affected office in Building 2 be added to "Group 3." The affected office was included because a trench had to be dug in its floor to remove an underground drain line. In support of this later request, GA transmitted to your office, by FAX, a brief description of the areas to be added and some associated survey information. The Group 3 areas, including the added rooms and affected office, were surveyed by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities' Environmental Survey and Site Assessment Team (ORAU) during their visit to GA's site March 14-23, 1989.

ORAU's final report (Ref. 2) documented the results of their confirmatory survey of GA's "Group 3" laboratories, including the additional three laboratory rooms (lab 315 and rooms 1 and 2 of lab 309) and the affected office (room 302). As evidenced by the information in their report, ORAU concluded that all the areas surveyed meet the NRC

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(and State of California) approved criteria for release to unrestricted use.

ORAU's exit meeting, held on March 23, 1989, at the conclusion of their confirmatory surveys of the Group 3 laboratories, was attended by Mr. B. Brock of NRC Region V and Mr. K. Wong of the State of California. At that meeting, GA agreed to formally document and submit for the record the results of the radiation and contamination surveys GA performed on the three added laboratory rooms and the affected office prior to ORAU's visit of March 14-23, 1989. This report was to be more comprehensive and to supersede the preliminary and abbreviated reports previously transmitted by FAX. Accordingly, enclosed are three copies of such a report in the form of an addendum (dated September 22, 1989) to GA's "Group 3" report of December 21, 1988.

If you should have any questions regarding this supplemental information, please contact me at (619) 455-2823.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure (3 copies): Report entitled, "Decontamination of Selected General Atomics' Science Laboratories For Release to Unrestricted Use / Addendum to "Group 3" Report Dated December 21, 1988 (This Report Adds Lab 315 and Rooms 1 and 2 of Lab 309)," dated September 22, 1989

cc: Ms. Mary Horn, NRC Headquarters