

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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APPLICANT: Exxon Nuclear Company (Exxon)

FACILITY:

Fuel Fabrication Plant Richland, Washington

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF AMENDMENT APPLICATION DATED JUNE 27, 1980,

REGARDING MINOR INCREASE IN POSSESSION LIMIT,

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The subject application concerns an increase in the possession limit under License No. SNM-1227 for uranium of any enrichment from 5 wt. % to 94 wt. %, which is used for analytical purposes. The proposed increase from 10 to 35 grams will permit Exxon to receive a spectrometer standard weighing about 22 grams. This is a minor increase in Exxon's overall possession limit (which includes 10,000 kilograms of U-235 as uranium of no more than 5% enrichment) and should present no unique safety or other problems to Exxon.

Approval of the application is recommended.

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