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Docket No. 50-124

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Mr. T. F. Parkinson  
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Dear Mr. Parkinson:

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This amendment allows testing of one 13-plate fuel element between December 1 and December 31, 1980, providing the power level remains below 1 Kw and the maximum excess reactivity is limited to 0.6%  $\Delta k/k$ . This is a temporary amendment which expires on December 31, 1980.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

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1. Amendment No. 4
2. Safety Evaluation

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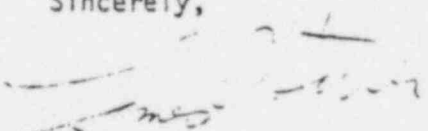
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