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

Subject: Docket 71-9072; GAHC-1 Cask.

Reference: (a) GA 1tr No. SHP-1175 dated April 21, 1980.

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Due to recent budgetary and programmatic realignments, we find ourselves unable to meet our earlier commitment in reference (a) to provide a consolidated application for renewal. We therefore request an extension of the validity period for one more year without a consolidated safety analysis. Attached is a check for \$150.00 to cover the standard administrative costs prescribed by 10 CFR 170.31.

This request is necessary because of (1) recent and significant changes in our GA/DOE sponsored cooperative program funding, in part, our HTGR Hot Cell activity; and (2) conflicts in scheduling this SAR activity with other NRC required licensing activities such as completion of Upgrade Physical Protection and Radiological Contingency Plans, as well as a timely SNM Facility License renewal submission. We believe that this request is further justified since broad usage of the cask is not contemplated but rather the cask will be used for an occasional return of materials between ORNU and GA or for shipping irradiated hardware to waste disposal. No other users than those now listed are contemplated. Extension of the certificate's validity period will have no adverse effect upon the public.

We look forward to receipt of the subject certificate of compliance with an expiration date of May 31, 1982.

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Very truly yours,

Nuclear Materials Control Division

Attachment: Check for \$150.00.