



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

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Mr. William Cavanaugh, III  
Vice President, Generation  
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Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

SUBJECT: PROPRIETARY MIDDLE SOUTH SERVICES TOPICAL REPORT, "QUALIFICATION OF REACTOR PHYSICS METHODS FOR APPLICATION TO PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS OF THE MIDDLE SOUTH UTILITIES SYSTEM"

By letter dated September 19, 1980, you submitted the subject topical report and the affidavit of Mr. John R. Fisher, Nuclear Associates International, and requested that this report be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR §2.790.

Your reasons for requesting our withholding this material were that information contained in the report is considered proprietary by Nuclear Associates International because: (1) the use of the information by a competitor would substantially decrease his expenditures in time and resources, in designing, producing or marketing a similar product; (2) the information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in a substantial competitive advantage to Nuclear Associates International, and (3) the information reveals special aspects of a process, method, component or the like, the exclusive use of which results in a substantial competitive advantage to Nuclear Associates International. Moreover, the information is not available in public sources and has been held in confidence by Nuclear Associates International. The release of this information to the public would enable competitors to vastly reduce their efforts to establish and verify their own programs and procedures used in reactor reload analyses.

The non-proprietary version of this material has been placed in the Public Document Room.

We have reviewed the topical report based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR § 2.790 and have determined that the subject report sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information. We have also found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for protection of Nuclear Associates International's competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

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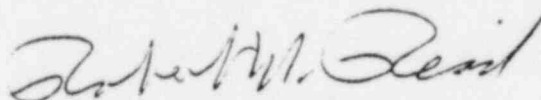
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We, therefore, approve your request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding the subject report from public inspection as proprietary.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the report. If the need arises, we will send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, assure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary data.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future, such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Reid" clearly distinguishable.

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