

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

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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES:

SUBJECT: STAFF FINDINGS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED IMPORT OF 607 GRAMS OF URANIUM ENRICHED TO APPROXIMATELY 10% - ISNM80017

Battelle (PNL) submitted an application dated November 25, 1980 for a license authorizing the import of 607 grams of low-enriched uranium from the United Kingdom, West Germany and Belgium in connection with high burnup investigations of LWR sintered UO_2 pellet fuel.

Air shipment of the samples in appropriate containers is anticipated.

The import of low-enriched uranium in its various forms has been assessed many times in the past. This proposed import essentially is the same as previous requests, and represents no material change in circumstances from conditions and findings which existed at the time of the earlier imports, for example, ISNM78020, ISNM79019, and ISNM80007.

The staff finds that this import will not be inimical to the common defense and security, or constitute an undue risk to the public health and safety or to the environment.

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