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Material Control Licensing Branch



In response to your letter dated February 5, 1981, we have reviewed our current fuel rod accountability system. System changes have been identified which will bring the accountability system in line with the present NRC interpretation of 10 CFR 70.58(h). Incorporation of these items will require additional equipment, new procedures, additional personnel training, and alterations in record keeping systems. The completion date for these modifications is scheduled for the spring of 1982. When operational, this system will allow us to identify, locate, and quantify fuel rods within the operation. In addition, final values for all fuel assemblies will be available prior to shipment. We plan to begin using this system after the spring 1982 physical inventory.

Attached is a schedule for development and installation of the new weighing equipment which comprises the major portion of the modified accountability system.

Should you have any question or require any additional information, please contact me.

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SCHEDULE FOR WEIGHING EQUIPMENT

1.	Engineering (design, specification, etc.)	June 1981
2.	Procurement	
	2.1 Purchase	June - July 1981
	2.2 Receipt of Equipment	August 1981
3.	Off-Line Equipment Checkout	September 1981
4.	Installation and Debugging	December 1981
5.	Implementation of System	May 1982