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SUBJECT: Renewal of Facility License R-84, Docket No. 50-170

Louis J. Carter, Esq., Chairman
Administrative Judge
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
23 Wiltshire Road
Philadelphia, PA 19151



Dear Judge Carter:

During the course of the special pre-hearing conference held on 1 May 1981 regarding the above license renewal proceeding, one of the Board members expressed interest in whether or not an installation-wide environmental impact statement covering routine operations had been prepared by the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). Since AFRI is co-located with the NNMC, it was my belief that if an EIS had been prepared for the Center, it would also consider AFRI's environmental effects.

My investigation has disclosed that the Navy has not prepared an EIS to address on-going operations of the Center. Thus, since AFRI is a tenant at NNMC, no EIS has been prepared for AFRI's routine operations. The only document that came close to an installation-wide EIS was prepared in 1975 in conjunction with the construction of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. That EIS focused on whether or not the medical school should be located at NNMC. The section of that EIS which referred to AFRI merely mentioned its existence and described its mission in only very general terms. I doubt that that EIS would serve any useful purpose in the present proceedings.

Should you or other members of the Board desire further information in this regard, I would be pleased to assist.

Sincerely,

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