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Docket No. 50-123

Subject: Letters Regarding U.S. Department of Energy

Funding Commitments for the HEU to LEU

Conversion Project

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed two letters recently provided by Keith Brown (U.S. Department of Energy) concerning funding commitments for our HEU to LEU conversion project.

Sincerely,

David W. Freeman Reactor Manager

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Enclosures

copies to:

Alexander Adams, Jr.

Dr. Albert Bolon

A. Burt Davis - Region III

Don L. Warner

Signed before me this 30 day of may, 1990.

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Dr. Milan Straka, Reactor Manager Nuclear Reactor Facility University of Missouri-Rolla Rolla, Missouri 65401

Dear Dr. Straka:

This is to let you know that your request for support of safety studies leading to conversion of your reactor has been approved in the amount of \$77,439.

The procurement request for the grant has been completed and forwarded to the Operations Office for processing. They will be in touch with you for issuance of the grant within the next few weeks.

If you have further questions where I can be of help please call. I can be reached on 301/353-3995.

Sincerely,

Harold H. Young

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Office of Energy Research



## Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

Dr. Albert Bolon Nuclear Reactor Facility University of Missouri-Rolla Rolla, Missouri 65401

Dear Dr. Bolon:

As the time approaches to begin fabrication of the new LEU fuel elements required to accomplish the conversion of your reactor core to LEU fuel, it is necessary to establish how many and what type (standard, partial, control, etc.) fuel elements are required. In general the fuel elements required for one complete core loading plus one spare element of each type will be provided. Please provide me with this information as soon as the analysis work makes it available. If you perceive of the need for additional or "special" elements, also provide a justification for their need.

In order to arrange for shipping and reprocessing of the old HEU fuel elements, I also need to know if you have any elements that contain non-aluminum components, as these will have to be removed before reprocessing. If you have any question concerning the information requested, please call me at 202-586-6833.

Sincerely,

Keith R. Brown

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