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Docket No. 50-223

Mr. Leon E. Beghian Vice President for Academic Services & Technical Research University of Lowell One University Avenue Lowell, Massachusetts 01845

Dear Mr. Beghian:

NRC FORM 318 (10-80) NRCM 0240



The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 8 to Facility Operating License No. R-125 for the University of Lowell Research Reactor in response to your request dated March 25, 1982.

This amendment changes the organizational structure as outlined in Section 6.1 of your Technical Specifications to reflect the current administrative organization for your facility.

Based on the fact that this amendment applies to administrative changes which do not affect the daily operation of the reactor or the reactor safety system, we have concluded that:

- (1) the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequence of accidents previously considered, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and, therefore, does not involve a significant hazards consideration:
- (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action; and
- (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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We have also determined that this action is not one of those covered by 10 CFR 51.5(a) or (b). Maving made these determinations, we have further concluded that, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact appraisal and negative declaration need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Harold Bernard, Acting Chief Standardization and Special Projects Branch Division of Licensing

Enclosure: Amendment No. 8

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