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During the month of October 1993, the Gas Turbine-Modular Helium Reactor (GT-MHR) Program received three letters from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting a response. These letters were:

J. N. Donohew to P. M. Williams, "Technical Review Requested of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Contractor Report 2-2-93 on the Modular High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor (MHTGR)," October 5, 1993.

J. N. Donohew to P. M. Williams, "Technical Review Requested of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Contractor Report 12-3-92 on the Modular High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor (MHTGR)," October 5, 1993.

J. N. Donohew to P. M. Williams, "Technical Review Requested of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Contractor Report 12-10-92 on the Modular High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor (MHTGR)," October 12, 1993.

As we noted in our telecommunications with Dr. J. Donohew, our initial screening of these reports indicated that we will have significant comments in response to your requests. However, as the plan for the GT-MHR Program for fiscal year 1994 has not yet been established, the schedule for reply to your requests has not been developed. We will advise you of our response plan when further information is available to us.

It is our understanding that your work to complete the Preapplication Safety Evaluation Report for the Modular High Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor can proceed with the information we have supplied to date on the key design issues. We are sorry that it is not possible to make a response on the schedule you requested and appreciate your forbearance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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