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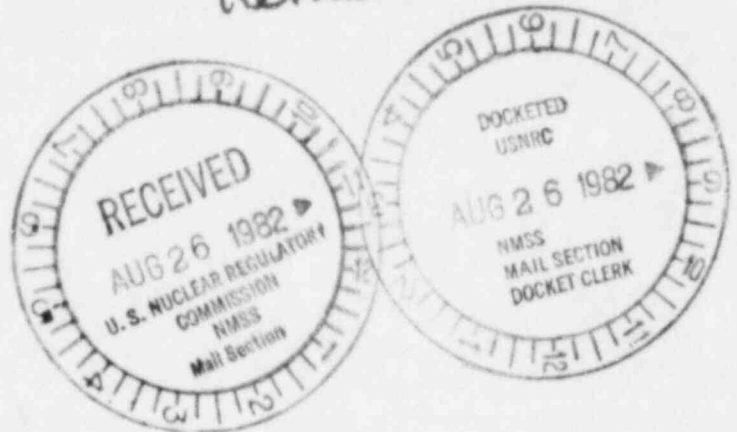
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

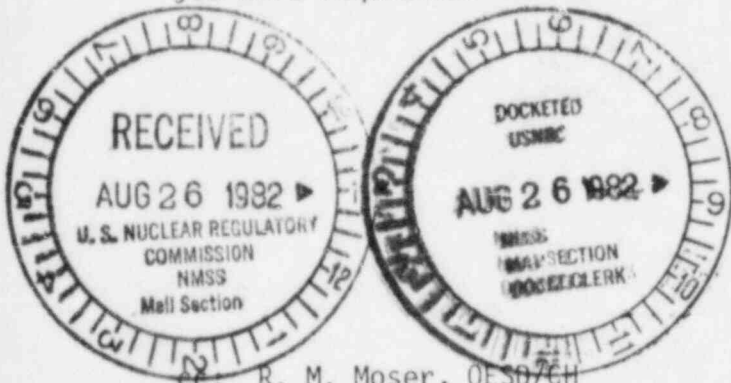
On May 27, 1982, you forwarded a list of questions for the SARP we forwarded for the packaging USA/5608/FB (DOE-CH). The SARP was sent for your review February 14, 1978. There have been considerable changes in the NRC reviews since 1978.

The urgency to use this HFBR spent fuel cask has been superseded by the certification of the IH-1A casks, USA/6639/BF (DOE-AL), which we expect to use for the Brookhaven reactor fuel.

It now seems that there will be a delay, perhaps another year, before other priorities will permit completing the task of obtaining the analysis you have requested.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director
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Office of Operational Safety



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