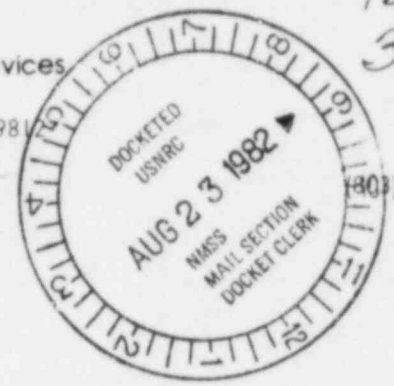


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J. A. Buckham
President

August 16, 1982



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Director of Nuclear Materials
Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sirs:

Allied-General Nuclear Services, Allied Chemical Nuclear Products, Inc., and General Atomic Company (hereinafter Allied-General, et al) are holders of Construction Permit No. CPCSF-4 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on December 18, 1970 for the construction of the Separations Facility of the Barnwell Nuclear Fuel Plant. The original date of completion of construction, as set forth in the Construction Permit, was January 1, 1974. By letter dated August 13, 1973, from Mr. Leland C. Rouse of the Atomic Energy Commission, this date was extended to December 31, 1976.

As your records will show, by letter dated November 11, 1976, Allied-General, et al, requested the NRC to extend the latest completion date to December 31, 1978. In the absence of action by the NRC, the Construction Permit remained in effect under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.109. The status of the Construction Permit was discussed by the Commission in footnote 22 of the Commission's May 8, 1978 Memorandum of Decision in In the Matter of Mixed Oxide Fuel, 7 NRC 711, 731.

Thereafter, by letter to NRC dated November 9, 1978, Allied-General, et al, requested that the latest completion date be extended to December 31, 1981; it was noted in that letter that it was not clear whether such a further extension request was then necessary for the Construction Permit to remain in effect, but that the request was being submitted to avoid uncertainty. On November 23, 1981, to avoid such uncertainties, and to maintain the status quo as to the Construction Permit, it was requested that a further extension be granted to September 30, 1982. No express action has been taken by the Commission on any of these requests.

At the time the most recent request for extension of the completion date was submitted, it was believed that a final decision would be made as to the future of the Barnwell Nuclear Fuel Plant prior to September 30, 1982. Options are still being explored, and it now appears evident that such decision will require additional time. Therefore, to maintain status quo as to the Construction Permit, it is requested that a further extension be granted to September 30, 1983.

Sincerely yours,

J.A. Buckham
James A. Buckham

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 16th day of August, 1982.

Ann Whilden Garvin
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Notary Public for South Carolina
Commission Expires November 5, 1985

cc: Hon. T. Edward Richardson, Chairman
Barnwell County Board of Commissioners
Barnwell, South Carolina 29812



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