PDR - Return 96-55 70-36 **C-E Power Systems** Tel. 314/937-4691 Combustion Engineering, Inc. 314/296-5640 Route 21-A Hematite, Missouri 63047 NIS/82/938 **POWER** SYSTEMS RECEIVED JUL 2 6 1982 . U. S. Nuclear Regulatory July 20, 1982 Commission NMSS Mail Section Dr. E. Y. Shum Uranium Process Licensing Section Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch

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Dear Dr. Shum:

As we discussed, the decrease in annual total airborne emissions shown in Table II.6-1 of our license renewal application was initially due to various improvements to ventilation systems. These improvements have been documented in previous submissions. The relatively lower subsequent annual emissions were primarily due to a lower throughput and shutdown of pelletizing operations. Pellet production was resumed in mid-1981 and emissions returned to normal levels.

A lower limit of detection of 4.8 X $10^{-15} \mu \text{Ci/ml}$ for remote air sampling was calculated using the formula in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 4.16. Table II.6-2 thus shows the absence of significant concentrations at the remote stations, but does not necessarily correlate with actual emissions.

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