

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON D. C. 20555

MEMORANDUM FOR: The File

FROM: R. Neal Moore Senior Licensing Officer Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: STAFF FINDINGS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED IMPORT OF 500,000 KILOGRAMS URANIUM VARYING FROM NORMAL TO 5.0% U-235

Phibro-Salemon, Inc. submitted an application dated August 4, 1982 for a license authorizing the import of 500 Tonnes kilograms of uranium including normal uranium and uranium enriched up to 5.0% U-235. The material will be imported from Australia, South Africa or other countries for use in the domestic nuclear energy program over a period of 5 years.

The material will be transported in specification packages according to Department of Transportation requirements.

Thousands of tons of normal and slightly enriched uranium are transported within the U.S. annually and this practice has been going on for many years without a significant incident. This proposed import represents an extremely small percentage of the total uranium transported each year in the U.S. and would not result in any significant change in the probability of a potential accident involving uranium.

The proposed import conforms with the standard provisions that have governed shipments of normal and low-enriched uranium for many years with no significant impact on the environment or the general public. The staff finds this importation will not be inimical to the common defense and security or constitute an undue risk to public health, safety, or to the environment.

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