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Docket No. 70-1113
License No. SNM-1097

General Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. T. Preston Winslow, Manager
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Gentlemen:

By application and affidavit dated December 3, 1990, you submitted a request for permission to utilize the Uranium Recovery from Lagoon Sludge (URLS) project facility for the purpose of conducting uranium recovery development and processing and requested that the document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. This December 3, 1990, submittal replaces an August 2, 1990, submittal.

You stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because it contains features of a uranium recovery process which were performed and developed at considerable expense to General Electric and which are not available to other parties. Public disclosure of the information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the General Electric Company and eliminate or reduce the availability of profit-making opportunities.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, and on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the report "Uranium Recovery from Lagoon Sludge," marked proprietary, will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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Your request to utilize the URLs will be addressed in separate correspondence.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Richard E. Cunningham, Director
Division of Industrial and
Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS

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