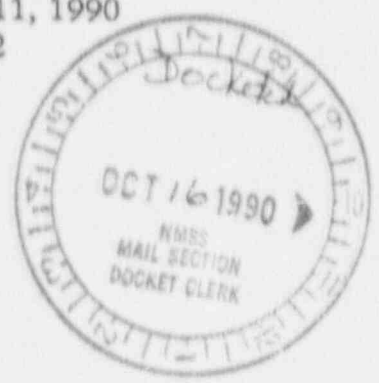
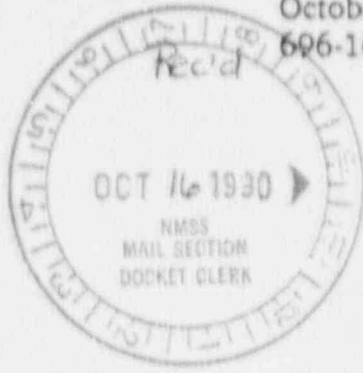




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Mr. Donald J. Kasun, Acting Chief
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
Domestic Safeguards and Regional
Oversight Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Docket 70-734: SNM-696; Request for Exemption from the Physical
Inventory Closing Requirements of 10 CFR 70.51(e)(4)

Dear Mr. Kasun:

General Atomics (GA) hereby requests a two week extension in closing our Plant II (TRIGA
Fabrication) physical inventory from October 16, 1990 to October 30, 1990.

The reason for this request is one of our samples came back from Teledyne Isotopes Inc.
at a slightly higher enrichment value than expected. Their reported value was 20.04%, and
we had expected 19.86%.

Because Teledyne Isotopes Inc., analytical service has been shut down from October 8
through October 12, we are unable to confirm our analysis within the required time frame,
and therefore need this additional time to correctly close this inventory.

Additional samples are being sent to Teledyne Isotopes Inc. today so that they may start
the analysis Monday morning, October 15, 1990.

If you should have any questions or need additional information regarding this request,
please contact C. L. Wisham at (619) 455-4171. Enclosed is GA's check for \$150 to cover
the administration fee associated with this request.

Very truly yours,

Keith E. Asmussen, Manager
Licensing, Safety and
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cc: Ms. Martha Williams

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