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Ref.: (1) XN-NF-82-25, "Generic Mechanical Design Report - Exxon 17x17 Fuel Assembly," dated April 1982

- (2) Letter, C. O. Thomas to G. F. Owsley, dated September 13, 1982
- (3) Letter, G. F. Owsley to J. R. Miller, dated April 16, 1982 (GF0:027:82)

Dear Dr. Thomas:

In your letter (Reference 1) you requested additional information regarding our topical report XN-NF-82-25(P) (Reference 2). This letter transmits twenty-five (25) copies of our responses to these questions.

Exxon Nuclear Company considers information contained in the subject report to be proprietary. In accordance with the Commission's Regulation 10 CFR 2.790(b), the Affidavit forwarded by the above Reference 3 covering the initial submittal of the report provides the necessary information to support the withholding of the enclosed from public disclosure.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to call, telephone (509) 375-8356.

Sincerely

R. B. Stout, Manager Licensing & Safety Engineering

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