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Docket No.: 50-70

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Mr. G. E. Cunningham
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

By letter dated July 14, 1982, you submitted a revision of the "General Electric Company Security Plan for the Protection of Reactor Facilities Under License TR-1" (new title) dated May, 1980, General Electric Test Reactor License No. TR-1. We have reviewed the submittal and have concluded that the revision meets the requirements of 10 CFR 73.67(d) for the protection of special nuclear material of moderate strategic significance provided it is supplemented by the conditions contained in Amendment No. 10. These additional measures were discussed with and agreed to by your staff.

Since the current NRC-approved physical security plan should properly be reflected in the license authorization for your facility, we are issuing, herewith, Amendment No. 10 to Facility License No. TR-1 which identifies your currently approved physical security plan.

Changes which would not decrease the effectiveness of your approved physical security plan may be made without prior approval by the Commission pursuant to the authority of 10 CFR 50.54(p). Changes which do require prior NRC approval should be submitted and identified as license amendment requests.

You are required to submit a transportation Physical Security Plan to the NRC at least 120 days prior to any anticipated shipments or receipts of special nuclear material of moderate strategic significance (10 CFR 73.67(e)) or 10 kg or more of low strategic significance (10 CFR 73.67(g)).

Based on the fact that this license amendment applies to the physical security plan, and incorporates into the license the latest requirements of your updated physical security plan, we have concluded that:

- (1) the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequence of accidents previously considered, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and, therefore, does not involve a significant hazards consideration;
- (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action; and

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- (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

We have determined that this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that it does not constitute a major Commission action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

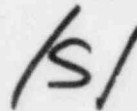
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The documents comprising the currently approved physical security plan for the General Electric Test Reactor and our evaluation findings have been placed in the Commission's files. Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.21, this information is being withheld from public disclosure.

Enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Issuance for Amendment Nos. 9 and 10. Amendment No. 9 erroneously stated that Notice was not required, so the notice has been included with the Notice of Amendment No. 10.

It is required that this physical security plan be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance of this amendment.

Sincerely,



Cecil O. Thomas, Acting Chief
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Projects Branch
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