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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT MEETING SUMMARY

This letter refers to the Management Meeting held at our request on January 10, 1991. This meeting concerned activities authorized for your Neely Nuclear Research Center. The issues discussed at this meeting related to your research reactor program, your performance, and current issues. A list of attendees and a meeting summary are enclosed.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. List of Attendees
2. Meeting Summary

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ENCLOSURE 1

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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- G. Poehlein, Vice President, Office of Interdisciplinary Programs
- R. Karam, Director, Neely Nuclear Research Reactor
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ENCLOSURE 2

MANAGEMENT MEETING SUMMARY

A Management Meeting was held at the Neely Nuclear Research Center (NNRC) with the Georgia Institute of Technology (Ga Tech) on January 10, 1991, to discuss the research reactor program, the licensee's performance and current issues. After the NRC Regional Administrator opened the meeting by briefly discussing the NRC's view of the licensee's performance, the NNRC Facility Director gave an overview of Ga Tech's program and recent accomplishments. He and the NNRC Associate Director, as well as the Vice President for Interdisciplinary Programs and the Nuclear Safeguards Committee Chairman, also discussed the status of the health physics, emergency preparedness, safeguards, and operations programs.

NRC representatives indicated that this type of meeting was intended to improve understanding, communication, and the working relationship between the test, research, and training reactor (TRTR) community and the NRC. It was generally agreed that this type of meeting was beneficial and should be repeated on an approximate eighteen month interval.

The licensee expressed concern about problems that have occurred in the past with NRC inspectors visiting the NNRC facility and expecting the licensee to have a program similar to a large power reactor. The Regional Administrator advised the licensee that future inspections would be conducted by persons who have attended specific training on TRTRs and their programs. A concern was also expressed about an apparent lack of appropriate communication in the past. Both parties agreed to strive for better communication in the future. The licensee agreed to keep the NRC informed of both advances made in the programs and problems that might occur.

The NRC Regional Administrator closed the meeting by thanking the Ga Tech officials for the opportunity to visit the facility and discuss these issues. Following the meeting the NNRC Director conducted a tour of the facility for the NRC representatives.