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APPLICANT: Exxon Nuclear Company, Inc. (ENC)

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT, AMENDMENT APPLICATION DATED

JUNE 2, 1982, RE ADDITION TO UO2 BUILDING, 07001257050S

Background

ENC has requested authorization to conduct activities in a two-story addition on the UO₂ building. On the second floor, ENC plans to relocate a scrap recovery operation from the existing facility. The first floor will be used as a maintenance shop for work on contaminated equipment. A small area will be used to load drums with product from the second floor.

Discussion

Existing operations in the UO₂ building will be moved into the building addition. These operations include conversion of scrap UO₂ to U₃O₈ and loading of drums for storage or transport, as well as maintenance of contaminated equipment. The facility addition will be about 29' by 50' by 24' and will be similar to the adjacent powder storage structure. Criticality and fire alarm systems will be extensions of existing systems. Ventilation shall be supplied by a separate intake and HEPA-filtered exhaust stack. Air balance and zone pressures will be maintained by use of air locks and intake and exhaust controls. Air sampling services will be an extension of existing services. The exhaust stack will be fitted with a stack sampler.

The operations will be conducted in four furnaces inside hoods. Space exists for the addition of two more furnaces. The material will be moved into this area in 5-gallon buckets. Nuclear criticality safety will be based on safety batch control of spaced units. ENC administrative practices, specified in the current license, will be used to approve these activities. The existing radiation protection program will be used to protect personnel and the environment.

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Conclusion and Recommendations

The staff concludes that the scrap recovery and maintenance operations can be moved to the facility addition. Existing nuclear safety programs will be utilized to assure protection of the public health and safety and the environment. Approval of the application is recommended.

George H. Bidinger
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