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March 23, 1983

Mr. R. G. Page, Chief Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: SNM-1050

Dear Mr. Page:

It is respectfully requested that Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-1050 be extended unchanged to July 31, 1984. The present license expires on July 31, 1983. This special nuclear material (190 kg of U-235 contained in SPERT F1 fuel rods) is used in the University of Florida SPERT Assembly (UFSA), a subcritical facility with stringent design and operational requirements.

The UFSA is presently undergoing a design, structural, equipment and utilization review. The fuel has been removed from the assembly and is in the new, protected storage room (under physical security provisions). Operation of the facility will not be resumed until improvements are made in equipment and projected use is established. A Safety Review Committee appointed by the University of Florida Radiation Control Committee will make a safety assessment prior to operation of the facility.

In view of the above facts, it is requested that the SNM-1050 license be extended, with all conditions of the license the same as in Amendment No. 4, dated May 26, 1981.

If any additional information is required in support of this request, please let me know.

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Approved, J. A. Wethington, Jr. Acting Chairman

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