

July 15, 1994

Docket No. 50-170

Dr. Robert Bumgarner, Director
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute
Naval Medical Command, National Capitol Region
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Dear Dr. Bumgarner:

SUBJECT: ARMED FORCES RADIOBIOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE TRIGA REACTOR OPERATOR
REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM (TAC NO. M87196)

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Sincerely,

Original signed by: Alexander Adams/for
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