



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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S. D. Stearns
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Dear Mr. Stearns:

This letter is in reference to the reports your company submits to NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 32.52, or Agreement State equivalent. The reports include a list of all transfers of devices to persons for use under the general license in 10 CFR 31.5. Many distributors have indicated that these reports contain privileged or confidential commercial or financial information and, therefore, should be withheld from public disclosure. These distributors have submitted applications and affidavits, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, requesting this information be withheld from public disclosure.

However, for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to consider withholding the information contained in future reports from public disclosure, it must again review the information to ensure its status, with respect to being withheld, has not changed. NRC has determined it is necessary for the licensee to submit a request for withholding from public disclosure at intervals not to exceed five years. This requirement will begin with the first of your 1995 submittals.

If your company wishes NRC to withhold the information contained in future reports from public disclosure, your company must submit an application for withholding accompanied by an affidavit. The application and affidavit must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1). For the Commission to determine whether the information should be withheld from public disclosure, please answer the following questions in sufficient explanatory detail in addition to the other requirements of 10 CFR 2.790:

1. Is the information submitted to, and received by, the NRC in confidence? Please give details.
2. To the best of your knowledge, is the information currently available in public sources?
3. Does your company customarily treat this information, or this type of information, as confidential? Please explain why.
4. Would public disclosure of the information be likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of your company? If so, explain why in detail.

Since you submit copies, or portions, of the reports to the appropriate NRC Regional Office, your application for withholding must specify that the reports sent to each NRC Regional Office are copies, or portions, of the


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reports sent to the Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and your application must specifically request that the reports sent to the NRC Regional Offices be withheld from disclosure. Your application must also clearly indicate that the request covers the information contained in reports submitted between 1995 and 1999, inclusive.

Please provide your response in the enclosed envelope no later than December 31, 1994. Please direct any questions you may have to Mr. John W. Lubinski of my staff at (301) 415-7868.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: 10 CFR 2.790

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