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Dear Mr. McDonald:

SUBJECT: INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
INCREASED FUEL ENRICHMENT, JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT  
UNITS 1 AND 2

Your letter dated March 30, 1984, requested Technical Specification changes to authorize storage and use of reload fuel enriched to a maximum of 4.3 weight percent U-235. Our review is underway. You requested approval by October 1, 1984 to allow receipt of new fuel for the Unit i sixth refueling scheduled to begin in January 1985.

However, as you know Public Law 97-415 resulted in revised Commission regulations and changes in the procedures used to determine whether requested amendments involve significant hazards considerations. Our regulation 10 CFR 50.91(a)(1) states "At the time a licensee requests an amendment, it must provide to the Commission its analysis, using the standards in §50.92, about the issue of no significant hazards consideration." A key point here is that a licensee analysis is required and not just a statement that the proposed change is consistent with one of the Commission's examples. Your application did not include such an analysis.

In order that the prenotice effort may proceed, you are requested to provide your analysis detailing the reasons and basis for your determination of a no significant hazards consideration. Your previous notation that the change is consistent, with Commission example (vi) is insufficient.

The reporting and record/keeping requirements of this letter affect fewer than ten respondents, therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P.L. 96-511.

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