



January 24, 1992

Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Docket No. 50-184

As indicated in the enclosed letter from the Department of Energy, funding for conversion of the NIST reactor to LEU fuel is not available. Accordingly, a schedule for conversion of the NBER cannot be submitted at this time.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Rowe
Chief, Reactor Radiation Division

Enclosure

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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 17, 1993

Mr. J. Michael Rowe
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National Institute of Standards and
Technology
U.S. Department of Commerce
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899

Dear Mr. Rowe:

In reference to your January 2, 1992, letter inquiring about the availability of funds from the Department of Energy for the conversion of the NIST reactor to low enriched uranium, you are hereby advised that funds are unavailable in DOE's FY 1992 budget and have not been submitted in DOE's FY 1993 and FY 1994 planning budgets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Stephens".

Richard E. Stephens
Associate Director
Office of University and Science Education
Programs
Office of Energy Research