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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE,
GENERAL ELECTRIC (GE) SIMPLIFIED BOILING WATER REACTOR (SBWR)-
TRACG CONTAINMENT MODEL ROAD MAP

Dear Mr. Quinn:

By your letter dated September 14, 1995, you submitted the TRACG containment model road map and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure. The request was made in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 and is supported by affidavit executed by George B. Stramback, dated September 14, 1995, which claims in part that the information is classified as proprietary because it contains details of the method of development and supporting data and analyses relative to TRACG computer program. This code has been developed by GE for over ten years at a total cost in excess of three million dollars. In addition, the affidavit identifies the following reasons:

1. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GE's competitors without license from GE constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
2. Information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditures of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

We have reviewed your letter and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statement, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the figures in the TRACG containment model road map identified by side bars will be withheld from the public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The remaining portion of your submitted information needs to be placed in the Public Document Room. Therefore, you are requested to provide a non-proprietary version of the subject TRACG containment model road map within 90 days of the date of this letter.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the document. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request included your information. In all review situations, if the NRC needs additional information from you or makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

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