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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Docket No. 50-160-Ren; ASLB No. 95-704-01-Ren

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing in response to the Georgians Against Nuclear Energy (GANE) request for the Commission's review of the Agreement with the State of Georgia relative to licensing of Georgia Tech.

GANE asserts that the State of Georgia has been unresponsive to GANE's attempts to draw them into discussion about the possibility of terrorism involving cobalt 60. To the contrary, the managers of the Radioactive Materials Program and the Environmental Radiation Program have held numerous discussions with GANE representatives on the subject.

GANE has never made an official request to Georgia for any action to be taken by the regulators regarding GANE's concern about security of the Cobalt 60 sources at Georgia Tech during the 1996 Olympic Games. Representatives of GANE have been given information on the process to take if they wished to officially register their concern with and request action from the State Regulatory Authority. To date, GANE has not made such request.

Georgia Tech possesses a Broad Academic license issued by the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. That license is in good standing. Georgia Tech is responsible for security of the cobalt 60 sources on a day-to-day basis as well as during the 1996 Olympic Games. As a result of the activities of the TV crew from "A Current Affair", security measures have been changed at the Neeley Nuclear Research Center. All external entrances to the classroom, laboratory, and office facility are currently kept locked. This practice adds another level of security to the already secured areas of the Center where the reactor is located and the cobalt 60 sources are stored.

There may never be evidence evident to GANE of activities being taken relative to security at Georgia Tech associated with the 1996 Olympic Games.

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Sincerely,

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