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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attention: Cecil O. Thomas, Chief
Standardization and Special
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Division of Licensing

Subject: Extension of time required to implement the
Emergency Plan for the University of Missouri
Research Reactor, Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) requested the time to implement the Emergency Plan approved in your July 12, 1984 letter be extended to 180 days in our letter dated September 7, 1984. You stated in your September 26, 1984 letter, that you agreed with our reasoning and granted the extension of time. However, the extension granted was until December 17, 1984 which corresponds to a 150 day implementation period instead of the requested 180 day period. We are now requesting the implementation period be extended to at least the originally requested 180 days or preferably 210 days.

After receiving your September 26, 1984 letter, I called and discussed the situation with our NRC project director, Mr. Robert Carter. I agreed we would see how much progress could be made by the middle of November, and if the additional time was still needed, a request would be submitted at that point. Our original concern which was understated due to NRC safeguards regulation, has proven to be well justified. Our small staff was tied up from early September through November 5 with four shipments. During this time we completed our first ever shipment of large activated metallic reactor components to South Carolina waste burial grounds and three spent fuel shipments to the D.O.E. facility in Idaho. With these evolutions completed, we should have sufficient time available to complete the writing of the new implementing procedures within the originally requested 180 day period. However, our training and drills, which need to be completed in the final phases of implementation, will be difficult to schedule and complete as effectively as desired due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays occurring during this period. Therefore the preferred time to implement the Emergency Plan is 210 days.



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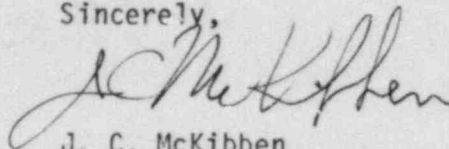
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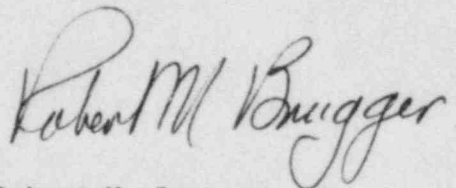
As stated previously, an extension will not present a safety problem for the general public; we still have our old emergency procedures in effect which are adequate for the protection of the general public but do not use the new terminology or organization required by the new regulation. Your consideration of this extension in the schedule for implementation of our Emergency Plan is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



J. C. McKibben
Reactor Manager

Endorsement:
Reviewed and Approved



Robert M. Brugger
Director

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