

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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AMENDMENT TO AMENDED FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 29 License No. R-37

- 1. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for an amendment to Amended Facility Operating License No. R-37 filed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (the licensee) on February 23, 1996, as supplemented on February 28, 1996, conforms to the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the regulations of the Commission as set forth in Chapter I of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR);
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the regulations of the Commission;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with the regulations of the Commission as set forth in 10 CFR Part 51, and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
 - F. Prior notice of this amendment was not required by 10 CFR 2.105, and publication of notice for this amendment is not required by 10 CFR 2.106.

- Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to paragraph 2.B.(2), which is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - (a) The limit for possession, receipt, and use of contained uranium-235 is temporarily increased to 41 kilograms of which not more than 1.6 kilograms may be in an unirradiated state until August 8, 1999, for the purpose of maintaining uninterrupted reactor operation pending the establishment of a capability for the off-site shipment of spent fuel and the actual shipment of the spent fuel accumulated prior to the establishment of that capability.
 - (b) The licensee shall, as part of its annual reporting requirements, report the status of the establishment of the shipping capability and other activities relevant to the use of this temporary increase in the possession limit.
- 3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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