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March 26, 1996

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Mail Stop 11-B-20 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

ATTENTION: Mr. Alexander Adams, Jr. Sr. Project Manager, NRR/PDNP

- REFERENCE: Docket 50-186 University of Missouri Research Reactor License R-103
- SUBJECT: Submittal Required by 10CFR50.64(c)(2)(ii) with Respect to Federal Funding for Conversion

The University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) has applied for a unique purpose exemption pursuant to 10CFR50.64(c)(1) in a letter dated September 26, 1986. This application, plus additional supporting information is currently under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Since this review process is ongoing, the MURR is complying with 10CFR50.64(c)(2)(ii) by submitting a copy of the Department of Energy letter to MURR, dated March 14, 1996, notifying the license that federal funds for conversion of our reactor will not be available during Fiscal Year 1996.

This submittal and attachment constitutes MURR's response for Fiscal Year 1996. The MURR will respond again prior to March 27, 1997, as per 10CFR50.64(c)(2), unless a determination is made by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that our facility should be granted a unique purpose exemption.

Sincerely,

Walt A. Meyer Jr. Reactor Manager

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Attachment: DOE Letter

ENDORSEMENT: Reviewed and Approved

J. Charles McKibben Associate Director

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March 14, 1996



Mr. Charles McKibben Reactor Manager Research Reactor Facility University of Missouri-Columbia Columbia, Missouri 65271

Dear Mr. McKibben:

In accordance with 10 CRF Part 50.64, "Limitations on the Use of Highly Enriched Uranium in Domestic Non-Power Reactors," you are hereby notified that Federal funding for conversion of your reactor to low enrichment uranium fuel will not be available during Fiscal Year 1996.

You will be notified in the event these circumstances change.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Norton Haberman Senior Technical Advisor Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology

