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LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION (RER), LICENSE NO. R-86, DOCKET NO. 50-172

The attached report of a special inspection of the subject facility by our inspectors on September 9, 1970, is forwarded for information. The purpose of the inspection was to discuss the decommissioning of the RER and to determine if the Technical Specifications requirements are being met now that the plant is shutdown. (Plant was last operated on July 16, 1970.)

Four items of noncompliance with the Technical Specifications were detected during the inspection. The items involved primary coolant sampling, operational check of emergency diesel generator, minimum instrumentation requirements and the Safety Committee meeting requirements. A Form AEC-592 will be issued even though the above items may fall in the category of "technical violations." The licensee has informed the inspector that he will soon submit a request to DRL to change the RER Technical Specifications in order to make them applicable to the shutdown facility.

The Lockheed plan is to completely close the facility on September 30, 1970. The only personnel remaining at the site will be one reactor supervisor, one H.P., one maintenance technician and enough security personnel to maintain around-the-clock coverage.

Mr. M. A. Dewar, Decommissioning Task Force Leader, informed our inspector that Lockheed's present plan is to return the site and associated facilities to an unrestricted status. This would involve transporting to a designated burial ground all contaminated and activated material including the soil from around the reactor and from the seepage pit.

In the management interview, our inspectors attempted to impress on those present the magnitude of the task which they are facing in decontaminating the site and disposing of contaminated and/or activated material. Although Mr. Dewar indicated that he is aware of the magnitude of the task, the minimal number of personnel remaining at the site to supervise the decontamination and disassembly effort would suggest that they are not fully cognizant of the problem.

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