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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. R-59  
FOR IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ARGONAUT REACTOR

Dear Dr. Bullen:

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The amendment revises the Technical Specifications to include a change in the definition of the term "Confinement Secured," and to change to the Administrative Controls Section.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation supporting Amendment No. 11 is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Theodore S. Michaels, Senior Project Manager  
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