



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Mr. J. R. May  
Manager  
Radwaste Management Systems  
Newport News Industrial Corporation  
230 41st Street  
Newport News, Va. 23607

Dear Mr. May:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

By letters dated January 10, June 14 and June 15, 1978, you submitted responses to our requests for additional information resulting from our review of "Topical Report RWR-1TM Radwaste Volume Reduction System", EI/NNI-77-7-P. You requested that this information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. Your submittals also included an affidavit to support this request. Subsequently, in response to our letter dated October 12, 1978, regarding withholding this information, you responded on November 10 and December 4, 1978, reiterating your request for withholding the information from public disclosure and providing a non-proprietary version of the information.

Your reasons for requesting our withholding of this information are that it contains detailed or specific process data relating to the design and operation of your radwaste system and that the information is not known to be available in public sources.

We have reviewed your application and material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and have determined that the above-mentioned documents sought to be withheld contain trade secrets or confidential or proprietary commercial or financial information.

We also have found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for protection of your competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

We therefore approve your request for withholding pursuant to Section 2.790 of 10 CFR Part 2 and are withholding the documents transmitted by the January 10, June 14 and 15 letters from public inspection as proprietary.

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Mr. J. R. May

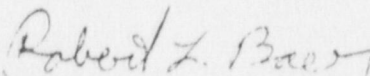
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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, assure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary data.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC.

Sincerely,



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