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MEMORANDUM TO: Alexander Adams Jr., Senior Project Manager
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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CHANGES TO THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY TRIGA
(OSTR) EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN DATED JANUARY 15, 1997
(TAC NO. 97899)

In response to your work request, the Emergency Preparedness and Environmental Health Physics Section has completed its review of the changes to the OSTR Emergency Response Plan dated January 15, 1997. A report of the changes was submitted in accordance with ¶50.54(q) by a letter dated January 15, 1997, from Mr. Brian Dodd, Director, Oregon State University Radiation Center. The licensee has stated in the letter that based on an evaluation of the revision, the changes did not reduce the plan's emergency response effectiveness.

This revision includes some general changes related to name changes of the campus police and the titles of some of the staff. It also includes some minor editorial changes.

The 50.54 Task Group is looking into the question of handling, evaluating, and responding to changes made under ¶50.54(q). The Group has recommended certain language to be included in the response to a licensee. Accordingly, the following language should be included in the letter to the licensee:

Based on your determination that the changes do not decrease the effectiveness of your emergency plan, and that it continues to meet the requirements of Appendix E to part 50, NRC approval is not required. Our preliminary review of these changes indicates them to be in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q). Implementation of these changes will be subject to inspection to confirm that they did not decrease the effectiveness of your emergency plan.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of the letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

This completes our efforts on TAC No. 97899.

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