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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

OFFICE OF SECRETARY DOCKETING & SERVICE BRANCH

In the Matter of

Advanced Nuclear Fuels Corporation 2101 Horn Rapids Road P.O. Box 130 Richland, Washington 99352 Docket No. 11003688 License No. ISNM83025

DEMAND FOR INFORMATION

Advanced Nuclear Fuels Corporation (licensee) holds import license No. ISNM83025 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 110. The license authorizes the licensee to import 925,000 kilograms of uranium enriched to a maximum of 5.0% in the U-235 isotope from various countries (country of origin not otherwise specified). The license was issued on January 12, 1984, and expires January 1, 1989.

II.

On October 2, 1986, Congress enacted the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 (the Act). Section 309 of that Act, which became effective on December 31, 1986, prohibits the import into the United States of (1) uranium ore and (2) uranium oxide that is produced or manufactured in South Africa. As an interim step to comply with the statutory deadline, on December 31, 1986, the Commission promulgated an amendment to 10 C.F.R. Part 110, that requires a specific license for all imports of South African origin uranium.

On February 4, 1987, the NRC's Office of International Programs sent a letter to licensee, notifying licensee that the provisions of the Act may

require modifications to its existing import license. The letter notified licensee that the Commission would be deciding upon an appropriate course of action in the near future, and that the Commission was "requesting Advanced Nuclear Fuels Corporation and all other holders of specific import licenses to refrain from importing any material of South African origin under these licenses while [Commission] review is under way." The letter concluded that, "[s]hould you anticipate a requirement to utilize your existing licenses to import any South African uranium, your cooperation in advising us of your plans before the import is made would be greatly appreciated."

III.

On May 7, 1987, the NRC learned that, contrary to the NRC's request in its letter of February 4, 1987, one holder of specific import licenses, during the week of March 22, 1987, had imported natural uranium concentrate of South African origin. Also contrary to the NRC's request, that licensee did not advise the NRC of its plans to import the South African uranium, either before or after its importation.

On the basis of the above, the NRC has determined that it requires information concerning any plans of each of its licensees to import South African uranium in the future, and any importations that have occurred since December 31, 1986.

IV.

Accordingly, you are required to submit to the Assistant Director for International Security - International Programs, Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555 the following information, in writing and under oath or affirmation, pursuant to Sections 161c and 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 C.F.R. § 110.52(b):

- a) The date, quantity and end user of any planned import by you of any form of uranium of South African origin. Such information must be submitted to the NRC no later than 60 days in advance of each shipment date. There are no exceptions to this 60 day advance notice requirement unless specifically approved in advance, in writing, by the NRC.
- African origin that has been imported by you from December 31, 1986 to date. This information shall be submitted within 20 days of the date of this Order. If no uranium of South African origin has been imported from December 31, 1986 to date, a statement of that fact shall be submitted within 20 days of the date of this Order.

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After reviewing your response, the NRC will determine whether further action is necessary to insure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Harold R. Denton, Director

Office of Governmental and Public Affairs

Dated at Washington, DC this # day of May 1987.