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Ms. Gloria M. Bennington
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop: OWFN - 6 F18
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Subject: Gadolinium Burnable Absorber Rods

Dear Ms. Bennington:

On June 25, 1999 Combustion Engineering, Inc. will commence the shipment of 656 gadolinium burnable absorber rods from its Hematite, Missouri fuel fabrication facility to the KEPCO Nuclear Fuel Company (Korea Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd.) under NRC License No. XSNM02258, Amendment No. 01. Pursuant to 10CFR73.72 listed below is the information required for your review:

Shipper: Combustion Engineering, Inc.
3300 State Road P
Hematite, MO 63047
Contact: William J. Burns (314) 937-4691 Ext. 708

Receiver: Korea Nuclear Fuel Company
150 Deogjin-Dong, Yosung-GU
Taejon City, Choongnam
Republic of Korea
Contact: Kim, Joo Fax: +82-42-861-2380

Carrier: A. I. F. Company
500 Carson Plaza Dr., Suite 205
Carson, CA 90746
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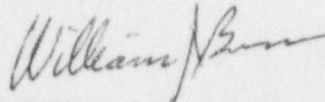
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The material to be shipped is contained in 656 unbound Zircaloy clad rods containing approximately 1115 KgU as natural uranium dioxide, with each rod containing approximately 6 weight percent gadolinium (Gd_2O_3) poison. The rods will be assembled by the KEPCO Nuclear Fuel Company into reload fuel bundles for the Yonggwang Unit 4 reactor.

The cargo will be transported by truck from Hematite, Missouri to Los Angeles, CA and then transported via air to South Korea. The shipment is expected to depart Hematite on Friday, June 25, 1999 and arrive at the A.I.F. Warehouse in Gardena, California by Monday, June 28. Transport to South Korea via air will occur later that week.

If any significant changes occur with respect to either the schedule or the carrier we will notify you immediately. Should you require any additional information please feel free to call me at (314) 937-4691 extension 708.

Sincerely,
Combustion Engineering, Inc.



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Product Manager

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