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Re: Letter from Charles E. MacDonald, NMSS, dated June 19, 1987

In answer to the request for information, the following applies to both  
DOE/NRC forms 741 and 742, unless otherwise stated.

1. Was the information transmitted to, and received by, the NRC in confidence? Please give details.

Answer: No.

2. To the best of your knowledge, is the information currently available in public sources?

Answer: I don't know.

3. Does your company customarily treat this information, or this type of information, as confidential? Please explain why.

Answer: No. We have no proprietary interest in the information.

4. Would public disclosure of the information be likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of your company? If so, how?

Answer: No.

5. Is the information classified pursuant to an executive order or is it considered unclassified safeguards information as defined in 10 CFR 73.21?

Answer: Neither applies to us. Although we are not required by 10 CFR 73.21 to maintain confidentiality, our interest is in common sense protection of the information on DOE/NRC form 742 that reveals our holdings of highly enriched uranium.

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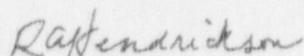
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Our position is that information concerning the amount of highly enriched uranium in a licensee's possession should remain confidential even if it is less than a "formula quantity". Therefore, all parts of DOE/NRC form 742 showing significant quantities of E4 type SNM should be withheld from public disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(1).

Sincerely,



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