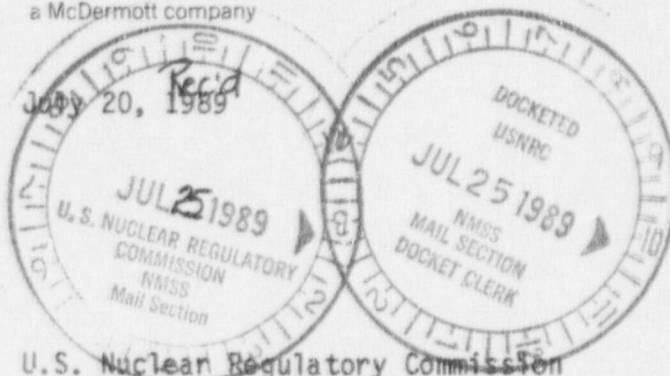


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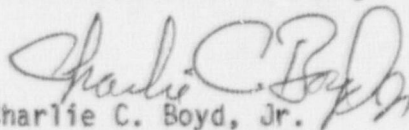
The Babcock & Wilcox Company, Naval Nuclear Fuel Division Research Laboratory (NNFD-RL), is withdrawing our request for an exemption from the criticality monitoring requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 which was submitted as Reference 1. Also withdrawn are the supporting documents shown in Reference 2.

After further investigation into questions raised by your staff concerning the windows of the hot cell, we have not been able to substantiate their shielding factor for neutrons. Recent nondestructive testing of the cell windows does not support earlier information that there was substantial amounts of oil in the windows. Therefore, criticality monitoring will be performed for Hot Cell No. 1.

If you should have any further questions, please contact me at (804) 522-5753.

Very truly yours,

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