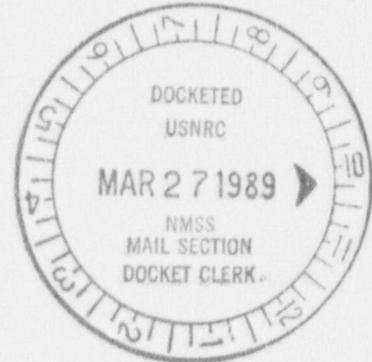


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Mr. Leland C. Rouse, Chief  
Fuel Cycle Safety Branch  
Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Docket No. 70-734: SNM-696; Request to Make Change to Radiological Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Rouse:

General Atomics (GA) recently completed a comprehensive review of its Radiological Contingency Plan. Section 8.5 of the subject plan requires monthly checks for intact inventory of protective breathing equipment and protective clothing. Similarly, the plan requires other supplies designated for emergency use to be checked for intact inventory on a monthly basis. The frequency of these two intact inventory checks was originally established as monthly in 1984. At that time, portions of the subject equipment and supplies were under the joint jurisdiction of, and jointly available to, two separate groups. The two groups were Emergency Services and Health Physics.

However, since about 1986, each item of the subject equipment and supplies has been assigned exclusively to either Health Physics or Emergency Services, with no item assigned to both. So, no longer is any equipment or supplies under the joint responsibility of the two groups. Thus, there is no longer any concern about emergency equipment or supplies being used or removed from service without the knowledge of the organization responsible for assuring their availability when needed. It thus follows that the frequency for performing the checks for intact inventories need not be so frequent. This issue has been discussed with NRC Region V staff during emergency preparedness related inspections. The consensus opinion is that quarterly, rather than monthly, checks would be entirely adequate.

Accordingly, GA hereby requests approval to amend items 3 and 4 of Section 8.5 of its Radiological Contingency Plan by changing "monthly" to "quarterly." These items would then read as follows:

"3. Protective breathing equipment and protective clothing will be checked quarterly for intact inventory."

and

"4. Other supplies designated for emergency use will be checked quarterly for intact inventory."

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$150.00 for the administrative fee associated with this request.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (619) 455-2823.

Very truly yours,

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