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November 22, 1999

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 26 TO FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-95 -
RHODE ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RESEARCH REACTOR
(TAC NO. MA6945)

Dear Dr. Tehan:

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The amendment moves the radiation protection program from the supervision of the operations branch to report to the facility Director. The amendment also changes the position title of Radiation Protection Officer to Assistant Director for Radiation and Reactor Safety (Radiation Safety Officer).

Additionally, the amendment also reflects a change to the Bases for Technical Specifications 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 Confinement and Emergency Exhaust System. The change was made to make the Bases consistent with the Technical Specifications. The change removed the words "weekly" and "monthly" from the Bases on testing of the emergency generator. The Technical Specification specifies the testing and maintenance of the emergency generator will be performed in accordance with the operating procedures and manufacturer recommendations. These changes make the Bases consistent with the Technical Specifications. The staff has no objection to the Bases. The proposed change to the Technical Specification for Amendment No. 26, a complete copy with the changes for the amendment, also included this bases change on page 36.

A copy of the related safety evaluation supporting Amendment No. 26 is also included.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Marvin M. Mendonca, Senior Project Manager
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Docket No. 50-193

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1. Amendment No. 26
2. Safety Evaluation

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