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October 16, 2001

In Reply Refer To:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: Change to Submitted Technical Specifications

Gentlemen:

This letter is written to request a change to the Technical Specifications (submitted July 18, 2001) at the A.J. Blotcky Reactor Facility. Our facilities submitted Technical Specifications (TS) currently require us to have the Chief of Staff for the Medical Center as the Reactor Safeguards Committee Chairman. With the current management structure in place, it would provide greater benefit to have the Chairman position filled by the Associate Chief of Staff for Research.

As a result, we would replace submitted TS Section 6.2.1(1) of our current submitted TS with the proposed TS Section 6.2.1(1) presented as Attachment #1, subject to your approval.

Sincerely,

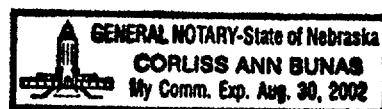

GARY N. NUGENT
Chief Executive Officer

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After being duly sworn, the person known to be Gary N. Nugent, Chief Executive Officer of the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, Omaha, Nebraska signed the above document this 200 day of OCTOBER, 2001





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Attachment #1

6.2.1 Composition and Qualifications

The members shall collectively represent a broad spectrum of expertise in the appropriate reactor technology. Individuals may be either from within or outside the operating organization.

(1) The Reactor Safeguards Committee (RSC) shall function to provide independent review and audit of facility activities and be composed of a minimum of 4 members including the following:

Chairman
Member (ex-officio)
Member

Associate Chief of Staff/Research
Radiation Safety Officer
Reactor Director/Supervisor

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