

September 26, 2003

SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

Mr. James R. Wade
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY ROUTE TO TRANSPORT SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL
FROM AIKEN, SC, TO IDAHO FALLS, ID (NRC ROUTE NO. 195)

Dear Mr. Wade:

I am responding to the Department of Energy's (DOE) submittal of September 10, 2003, which requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approve a route for transporting spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from the DOE Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina, to the DOE Idaho Operations Office, Idaho Falls, Idaho (NRC Route No. 195).

The NRC has reviewed DOE's submittal and concluded that the information satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR 73.37. Specific details of Route No. 195 are enclosed [Enclosure 1]. Specific details of Route No. 195 combined with additional Safeguards Information (SGI) are also enclosed [Enclosure 2]. Enclosure 2 will not be released to the public and you should protect it in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 73.21. Approval of Route No. 195 will expire two years from the date of this letter.

The NRC issued Compensatory Measures (CMs) for the transportation of SNF on October 3, 2002, for NRC licensees who ship greater than 100 grams of SNF. NRC licensees are required to comply with the requirements of 10 CFR 73.37 and these CMs when shipping SNF. NRC licensees are also required to comply with U.S. Departments of Transportation and Homeland Security regulations on the shipment of hazardous materials.

In addition, the NRC also issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2002-12I, Rev. 1, on October 3, 2002, "Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater than 100 Grams - NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System." The RIS advised licensees shipping SNF to consider various recommendations to be taken in conjunction with changes to the national or transportation-sector threat levels.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Route No. 195 - Mileage Summary
2. Route No. 195 - Detailed Highway Route Plan

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