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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH COMBUSTION ENGINEERING (CE) RE CONSOLIDATION OF
NUCLEAR FUEL MANUFACTURING OPERATION AND INTEGRATED LICENSING
PLAN

The CE Hematite facility converts enriched UF_6 to UO_2 powder which is formed into ceramic pellets. The pellets are currently shipped to the Windsor, Connecticut, facility and then loaded into fuel rods and encapsulated into fuel assemblies for use in nuclear power plants. On January 30, 1992, CE representatives met with staff of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Office of the General Counsel, Region I, and Region III to describe CE's plan to consolidate its uranium processing activities, related to nuclear fuel manufacturing, at its facility in Hematite, Missouri. In the meeting, the licensee described the consolidation plan and projected schedule. In June 1992, CE plans to submit a license amendment application for the consolidation activities. CE is scheduled to start the operation in 1993. As a result of the consolidation, CE plans to decontaminate and decommission the Windsor facility. The decommissioning plan for the Windsor facility will be submitted to NRC by the end of 1992. Shortly thereafter, CE plans to amend its Windsor license to a "possession only" status.

During the meeting, CE discussed the licensing actions needed to facilitate the consolidation plan. Currently, the Windsor and Hematite licenses are under NRC review for renewal. The staff informed the licensee that NRC plans to proceed with the Hematite license renewal, and the renewed license could then be amended for the consolidation activities. As for the Windsor license, since CE plans to terminate the fuel operations once the consolidation plan is approved by CE, NRC will defer the renewal process so that staff resources may be better spent in other areas.

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During a telephone conversation on February 6, 1992, Mr. John Conant of CE informed me that by March 6, 1992, CE plans to submit a letter to NRC regarding the terminating schedule for the Windsor fuel manufacturing operations.

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