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August 27, 1979

Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #4
Division of Operating Reactors
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Docket 50-142

Dear Mr. Reid,

Recently we received a letter dated August 14, 1979 from Exxon Nuclear Idaho Company, Inc. giving UCLA approval to ship to them five fuel sections and three canned loose plates of MTR-type fuel. At this time, we have received most of the necessary permissions, made most of the notifications of intent to ship the fuel via Tri-State using the GE700 shipping cask.

At roughly the same time I received a call from Mr. Dick Curtis of NRC Region #5 stating that we must have a Quality Assurance Program which conforms to 10CFR 71.51 and Appendix E. After reading this, it appeared to us that we do not have the time, manpower, or experience in QA to satisfy this requirement. We therefore request guidance in this matter from your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Ashbaugh".

Charles E. Ashbaugh

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