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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.64(C)(2), Washington State University hereby officially notifies the Commission that funds for the actual conversion of the WSU reactor from HEU to LEU will not be available during fiscal year 1992. However, Washington State University was informed in a letter dated February 12, 1992 that funding is available during FY-92 to "accomplish the safety analysis phase of the conversion." A copy of the letter is enclosed. We are currently in the process of writing a proposal to request funding to accomplish this analysis phase.

Washington State University will notify the Commission should circumstances change and will submit the required certification letter for fiscal year 1993 by May 27, 1993 or the required conversion proposal.

Sincerely,

G. E. Tripard
Director

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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

February 19, 1992

Dr. Gerald Tripard
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Dear Dr. Tripard:

This letter is to inform you that funding is available during FY-92 through the U.S. Department of Energy to initiate the conversion of your reactor from HEU to LEU fuel. It is requested, therefore, that you submit a proposal, including a detailed cost estimate, to accomplish the safety analysis phase of the conversion. The proposal should not include the costs for the new fuel, spent fuel cask rental, or fuel shipping transportation since these tasks are being handled by others.

You are also reminded that technical assistance for safety documentation review and analysis is available through the RERTR program at the Argonne National Laboratory. Your proposal should be coordinated with and reflect the degree of support to be provided by RERTR/ANL.

We would like to receive your proposal by May 1, 1992. Please direct it to:

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If you have any questions please call Keith Brown on (202) 586-3904.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Stephens".

Richard E. Stephens
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cc:
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