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To: Interested Parties
Nuclear Safeguards Committee

From: John P. Crechin
President

Subject: Organizational Arrangements/ Radiation Safety

cc: H. Bourne, T. Stelson

In reviewing the organizational aspects of the recent controversy surrounding safety at the Neely Nuclear Research Center, it is apparent that some misunderstandings exist regarding responsibilities, supervisory, and reporting relationships surrounding the Radiation Safety group and the Nuclear Safeguards Committee. This memo is intended to clarify two aspects of these organizational arrangements, the relationship of the Nuclear Safeguard Committee to the President of Georgia Tech, and the reporting and supervisory arrangements for the Radiation Safety Office.

The Nuclear Safeguards Committee reports to the President of Georgia Tech. The Director of the Neely Nuclear Research Center is an ex-officio member of the Nuclear Safeguards Committee. The Chairman of the Nuclear Safeguards Committee is Georgia Tech's Radiation Safety Officer. [Stelson to Bourne, 5/27/87 "The Radiation Safety Officer would have the authority to report independently to you (as President of Georgia Tech) on any matter of urgent need completely bypassing all organizational structure. This is the same as current practice."] In addition to immediate reporting of emergencies to the Office of the President, a monthly summary of safety related incidents should be forwarded. The Director of the Neely Nuclear Research Center, like all line managers dealing with radioactive materials, reports to the Nuclear Safeguards Committee in the area of safety.

A distinction exists between the supervisory and reporting relationships of the Office of Radiation Safety. For day-to-day supervision, the Manager of the Office of Radiation Safety reports to the Director of the Neely Nuclear Research Center. Supervision encompasses both financial and administrative matters and broad program direction. In terms of reporting responsibilities, an obligation exists for the reporting of all safety violations, dangerous conditions, and potential problems to the Nuclear Safeguards Committee as well as to the appropriate line manager, regardless of location in the Georgia Tech organizational structure. The Nuclear Safeguards Committee has a direct reporting relationship to the Office of President of Georgia Tech. For urgent, dangerous, or unresolved situations of importance, the Office of Radiation Safety has an obligation to report and inform their direct supervisor, the Director of the Neely Nuclear Research Center, and/or the Vice President for Research, and/or the President.

The attached organization chart is intended to represent these points.

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