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January 21, 1997

Mr. M. D. Kosmider
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR MATERIALS
LICENSE SUB-526 FOR PILOT PLANT (TAC NO. L30931)

Dear Mr. Kosmider:

We have received your application dated December 20, 1996, for an amendment to Materials License SUB-526. Your request has been assigned TAC No. L30931. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request. Your document has been forwarded to the Project Manager, Mr. Michael Lamastra, for appropriate action. Mr. Lamastra can be reached on (301) 415-8139.

We have completed the initial administrative review of your application to construct and operate a pilot plant for the deconversion of UF_6 to uranium oxide. The administrative review included an initial safety review of the requirement of 10 CFR Part 40 and an initial environmental review of the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51.

During the initial safety administrative review some omissions/deficiencies were identified. These deficiencies include the lack of a conceptual pilot plant block diagram and a summary of the process hazards analyses (PHA). This identified information should be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter, or a schedule to provide the information should be provided.

During the initial environmental administrative review it was determined, subject to the information to be provided in the PHA summary, that this amendment meets the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11) for a categorical exclusion and no Environment Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement is required for this amendment.

Based on our administrative review and projection of current review schedules, we would anticipate completing our review by April 30, 1997. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Michael Lamastra
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Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
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