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Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S.N.R.C.
Washington D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

The University of Washington Nuclear Engineering Laboratory operates an Argonaut Reactor which is licensed for 100 kilowatts under license R73 (Docket 50-139).

We are in the planning stages of some major refurbishing. The question has been raised as to whether or not a training reactor such as ours is required to have installed only "N" stamped equipment in the thermal-hydraulics circuits.

Our interpretation of 10CFR55a is that, since we are not operating either a pressurized water reactor or a boiling water reactor or a power reactor of any sort, we are not required to have "N" stamped equipment.

Will you please confirm this interpretation so that we may more accurately estimate the costs of our refurbishing project.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt response to this inquiry, I am
Yours truly,

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