

November 1, 1996

Newport News Shipbuilding
ATTN: Mr. Stephen B. Clarkson
Vice President and General Counsel
4101 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607-2770

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP PURSUANT TO
10 CFR 30.34(b)

Dear Mr. Clarkson:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 25, 1996, about the pending asset transfer involving Newport News Shipbuilding (Currently named as licensee on NRC License No. 45-11589-02) and Newport News Industrial Corporation.

We have reviewed your letter and agree that the change described does not require amendment of your license. Please retain copies of your letter and this response in your files for review during the next NRC inspection.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions, please call me at (404) 331-5617.

A copy of this letter and your letter will be placed in the Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790.

Sincerely,

(original signed by
E. G. Wright)

Earl G. Wright
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