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Dear Mr. Standerfer:

Subject: Hydraulic Cutoff Saw

Reference: Letter 4410-86-L-0027, F. Standerfer to W. Travers, Use of  
Hydraulic Cutoff Saw, dated February 3, 1986.

This letter is in response to the above letter which forwarded your proposal to utilize a hydraulic cutoff saw for sizing operations in the reactor vessel. In conjunction with a hydraulically actuated debris clamping station, the use of the hydraulic cutoff saw is intended for the separation of large debris (e.g., fused end-fittings) to facilitate loading into fuel canisters or end-fitting storage canisters.

The staff concurs with your assessment that safety issues associated with the use of the tool are bounded by the previously approved Early Defueling Safety Evaluation and concludes that the proposed activity does not constitute an unreviewed safety question.

The use of the proposed hydraulic cutoff saw is therefore approved contingent upon submittal and our approval of the related procedures per Technical Specification 6.8.2.

Sincerely,

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