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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

December 24, 1985

The Honorable James C. Miller, III
Director, Office of Management & Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Miller:

In accordance with the statutory obligation to respond to recommendations by the General Accounting Office (GAO) within 60 days of publication, we hereby submit our responses to the recommendations made by the GAO in their report entitled "Implementing the Small Business Innovation Development Act -- The First 2 Years."

The Commission agrees with the three GAO recommendations and shall initiate the action necessary to comply with those recommendations.

Specific comments on the GAO recommendations are presented in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Roberts
Acting Chairman

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Response to Recommendations

Chapter 2

The GAO recommends that the annual report to SBA contain actual fiscal year extramural research and development obligations, not estimates.

NRC Response

The reports to SBA for FY 1983 and FY 1984 rounded the extramural budget figure for those years to the nearest one thousand dollars giving the appearance that estimates were used. The FY 1985 report which is due to SBA by March 15, 1986, will be computed based upon total actual dollars.

Chapter 3

1. The GAO recommends (page 44) that the reports for FY 1983 and FY 1984 be reassessed and revised as necessary, and ensure consistency in future reports.

NRC Response: The NRC will use actual obligations in the FY 1985 report to SBA and shall ensure that subsequent reports are computed in the same manner. The FY 1983 and FY 1984 reports will be revised and resubmitted to SBA along with the FY 1985 report.

2. This recommendation (page 45) requires the non-SBIR goals to be established early in the fiscal year and make such goals known to officials responsible for awarding external R&D funds.

NRC Response: On October 18, 1985, the NRC Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and Civil Rights submitted the NRC-wide small business goals for FY 1986 to the SBA. The goal is developed in conjunction with the NRC Division of Contracts which is responsible for awarding the external R&D funds. Included within that agency-wide goal is the NRC non-SBIR goal. Prior to submission of the next SBIR report to SBA, however, the NRC will identify that portion of the agency-wide small business goal which constitutes the non-SBIR goal.

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The Honorable Jack Brooks, Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Rep. Frank Horton

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The Honorable Alan Simpson, Chairman
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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