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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Attention: Division of Licensing and Regulation

Gentlemen:

Southwest Atomic Energy Associates ("SAEA") and General Electric Company transmit herewith forty copies of a Preliminary Hazards Summary Report on the Southwest Experimental Fast Oxide Reactor ("SEFOR"), a facility which is proposed to be constructed and operated near Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The joint application by SAEA and General Electric, for a Class 104(b) construction permit and operating license, of which the attached Preliminary Hazards Summary Report is part, is in the process of separate submission.

Very truly yours,

Geo White

George White
General Manager

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Enclosures (40)

cc: G. F. Hadlock
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RE DOCKET 50-231, GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST ATOMIC ENERGY ASSOCIATES, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY TELEPHONE THAT ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD YESTERDAY ISSUED AN ORDER SETTING ASIDE INITIAL DECISION OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1965 GRANTING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ON GROUND THIS PROJECT INVOLVES ALIEN CONTROL NOT PERMITTED BY LAW. WE BELIEVE THE ORDER IS UNSUPPORTED BY FACTS OR LAW AND WILL FILE PETITION FOR REVIEW AND SUPPORTING BRIEF PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.762 OF THE RULES OF PRACTICE PROMPTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER. IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF ORDER IS TO REQUIRE SUSPENSION OF WORK AT PROJECT SITE. CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION PENDING YOUR REVIEW COULD NOT IMPAIR NATIONAL SECURITY WHILE SUSPENSION OF WORK WOULD DELAY AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM VITAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAST BREEDER REACTOR, CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC DETRIMENT TO CONTRACTORS PERFORMING WORK AT THE SITE AND TO THOSE FINANCIALLY OBLIGATED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT, AND RESULT IN LAYOFF OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AT THE SITE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE ORDER COULD BE AFFIRMED AND ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE ECONOMIC RISK ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINUING WORK PENDING YOUR REVIEW. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THE ORDER IS ERRONEOUS AND THAT OUR POSITION WILL BE CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATED IN PROCEEDINGS TO FOLLOW. ACCORDINGLY WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE ORDER BE STAYED PENDING YOUR REVIEW SO THAT WORK MAY CONTINUE AT THE SITE. IN VIEW OF THE HARDSHIP TO INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED IN THE SITE WORK AND THE ECONOMIC DETRIMENT TO CONTRACTORS AND PARTIES TO THE PROJECT THAT WILL RESULT FROM EVEN A SHORT SUSPENSION OF THE WORK. YOUR EARLY CONSIDERATIONS OF THIS MATTER IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED. A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SERVED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON TROY B. CONNORS JR, TRIAL COUNSEL U.S.A.E.C. REGULATORY STAFF. (COPIES DR JAMES T. HERRON STATE HEALTH OFFICER ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH LITTLE ROCK,

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