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Gentlemen:

Re: General Electric Company  
Southwest Atomic Energy Associates  
Southwest Experimental Fast Oxide  
Reactor (SEFOR) - Docket No. 50-231

The Board's preliminary study of the documents in this proceeding suggests some prehearing inquiry, supplementing those discussed at the prehearing conference, which may aid consideration of the issues. It will be helpful to have brought to our attention the particular portions of the hearing record--as ultimately made, including the posthearing pleadings--which provide information about these matters:

1. In the containment analyses which consider blast effects what assurances are derived that excessive plutonium and fission product releases will not occur because of pressure or hydraulic or missile impact breaches of the integrity of the secondary coolant loop, pipe tunnel, and associated systems and components?

2. With respect to identifying and evaluating the applicants and their qualifications:

a. What are and will be the respective financial, technical, proprietary, management, and operating obligations of GE and SAEA? of Gesellschaft? of Euratom? of AEC?

b. What conditions and limitations govern the technical and financial contributions by Gesellschaft for itself

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and for Euratom as indicated in the application, § 2-(b), page 2? (The complete answers are not provided at § 6, page 4.)

c. What are the legal limitations with respect to foreign corporations and individuals referred to on the above application page?

d. What are the Applicants-SAEA-Gesellschaft "contractual arrangements" there mentioned?

e. In the SAEA-Members agreement of July 22, 1963:

(i) What are the relevant provisions of the March 18, 1963 Memorandum of Understanding with Gesellschaft? And of the anticipated formal contract, if any? (p. 2)

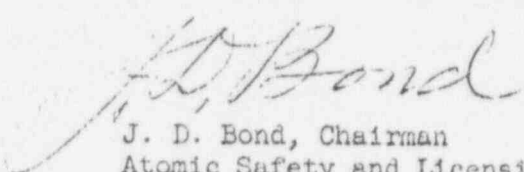
(ii) Same question as to the ALC-GE-SAEA-Gesellschaft contract or contracts? (p. 2)

(iii) What is the status of the contract execution requirement stated in paragraph 3, page 4? What are the relevant provisions of that contract?

(iv) What are the representative capacities of D. E. Ackers and E. P. Hennock? (pp. 1 and 8)

It is recognized that the documents now at hand provide much data concerning the foregoing matters, and that the responses to some questions will provide much of the enlightenment sought by other questions. We are aware also that the applicants' proposed written testimony soon to be distributed promises further information. A purpose of this letter is to assure that the final record will include all evidence and legal contentions which bear upon the issues to be decided. The parties will be permitted and encouraged to augment their currently planned evidentiary and argumentative presentations to respond on the hearing record to the questions herein stated, and also to such other material inquiries as may be pursued at the hearing.

Very truly yours,

  
J. D. Bond, Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

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