

June 17, 1997

Mr. Terrance Tehan, Director
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South Ferry Road
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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 23 FOR FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-95
RHODE ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RESEARCH REACTOR
(TAC NO. M98904)

Dear Mr. Tehan:

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A copy of the Safety Evaluation Report supporting Amendment No. 23 is also enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1102.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Theodore S. Michaels, Senior Project Manager
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Project Directorate
Division of Reactor Program Management
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