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Washington, DC 20555

REFERENCE: Docket 50-186

University of Missouri Research Reactor

License R-103

SUBJECT: Submittal Required by 10CFR50.64(c)(2)(ii) with Respect to Federal Funding for

Conversion

The University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) has applied for a unique purpose exemption pursuant to 10CFR50.64(c)(1) in a letter dated September 26, 1986. This application, plus additional supporting information is currently under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Since this review process is ongoing, the MURR is complying with 10CFR50.64(c)(2)(ii) by submitting a copy of the Department of Energy letter to MURR, dated March 2, 2000, notifying the licensee that federal funds for conversion of our reactor will not be available during Fiscal Year 2000.

This submittal and attachment constitutes MURR's response for Fiscal Year 2000. The MURR will respond again prior to March 27, 2001 as per 10CFR50.64(c)(2), unless Nuclear Regulatory Commission makes a determination that our facility should be granted a unique purpose exemption.

Sincerely,

J. Charles McKibben Reactor Manager

xc: Mr. Alexander Adams, Jr.

Sr. Project Manager, NRR/PDNP

Mr. Craig Bassett, NRC

Attachment: DOE Letter

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Department of Energy

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March 2, 2000

Mr. J. Charles McKibben University of Missouri - Columbia Research Reactor Facility Columbia, Missouri 65211

Dear Mr. McKibben:

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.64, "Limitations on the Use of Highly Enriched Uranium in Domestic Non-Power Reactors," you are hereby notified that Federal funding for conversion of your reactor to low enrichment uranium fuel will not be available during Fiscal Year 2000.

You will be notified in the event these circumstances change.

Sincerely,

Dr. William A. Van Dyke, Jr.

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