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Docket No. 50-160

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville ?ike Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Attention:

Mr. Marvin Mendonca, Senior Project Manager

Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate

Division of Reactor Program Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Subject:

Neely Nuclear Research Center Emergency Preparedness Plan

References:

1. 10 CFR 50:54(r)

NUREG-1537, Part 2, 17.2.1.3

3. GTRR Characterization Plan, Doc. 82 A9087, NES, May 1998

Dear Mr. Mendonca:

The Georgia Tech Research Reactor (GTRR) was defueled in February 1996. All nuclear fuel has since been removed from the facility. The tritiated heavy water was removed from the facility in July 1998.

In light of the facts that the reactor cannot be operated without nuclear fuel and coolant water and since the resultant induced radioactivity located in adjacent shielding is less than 20 Ci total activity (3), we request exemption (2) from the regulatory requirement (1) to maintain the NNRC Emergency Preparedness Plan.

We request your approval of exemption to maintain the NNRC Emergency

Preparedness Plan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nolan Hertel, Ph.D., P.E.

Director NNRC

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