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Subject: Procedure for Disposal of Surplus Items from the MSRE

Since the MSRE was shut down last winter, there have been numerous inquiries regarding the availability of surplus equipment. Plans for disposing of MSRE equipment have been outlined in MSRP correspondence but need to be more widely understood throughout ORNL. The following is what we are doing or planning to do.

1. Carry out the post-operation examination program. This is now scheduled to start October 15 and be completed in January.

2. Meanwhile, prepare a proposal for the ultimate disposal of the radioactive and fissile materials and work out detailed plans for the surveillance and security of the plant in the interim. (The disposal may be as late as 1975.) These plans are subject to review and approval by ORNL review committees and the AEC.

3. Based on plans for the surveillance and disposal, identify those components and systems that must remain in service at the MSRE.

4. Tag and list items (equipment, supplies, and furniture) that will not be used and whose removal will not jeopardize the safety of the plant.

5. Publicize the above list and assign items to requestors on the basis of the following priorities.
   a. Molten Salt Reactor Program applications, both immediate and foreseeable.
   b. Other programs at ORNL.
   c. AEC programs outside ORNL.

6. Oversee removal of equipment, insuring that vital systems at the MSRE are not accidentally affected.
We have practically completed Step 2 and Guymon and his crew are well into Steps 3 and 4. We hope to get out the lists in the reasonably near future, although some of the items cannot be removed until about January. Meanwhile, we are responsive to requests for items needed right away, and a few have been given out. In fairness to everyone, however, unless your need is urgent we ask that you wait until the list is publicized.

If you have questions or comments, contact either me or Ralph Guymon.

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